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## Racist, violent posts by police: Departments investigating

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM  
Associated Press

Police departments in at least five states are investigating, and in some cases condemning, their officers' social media feeds after the weekend publication of a database that appears to catalog thousands of bigoted or violent posts by active-duty and former cops.

The posts were uncovered by a team of researchers who spent two years looking at the personal Facebook accounts of police officers from Arizona to Florida. They found offic-

ers bashing immigrants and Muslims, promoting racist stereotypes, identifying with right-wing militia groups and, especially, glorifying police brutality. All the posts were public.

"It's a good day for a choke hold," wrote an officer in Phoenix.

A sergeant in Philadelphia commented that a young suspect should be "taken out back and put down like the rabid animal he is." Another sergeant posted a meme that said, "Death to Islam."

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In this May 8, 2017 file photo Phoenix Police Chief Jeri L. Williams makes an announcement during a news conference in Phoenix.

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In St. Louis, a police official shared a meme asserting that "if the Confederate flag is racist, then so is Black History Month."

"Obviously, some of the posts are very disturbing," said Emily Baker-White, a lawyer who launched the Plain View Project in 2017. The work, she said, revealed a troubling online subculture that threatens to undermine public confidence in law enforcement. "It gets in the way of officers' ability to protect everybody out there," she said. "My biggest fear is that there are people who are seeing these posts online, who are interacting with these officers, who think, 'The police might not be there for me because I pray differently than they do, or I look differently, or I have a different immigra-

tion status."

Police departments often have social media policies that limit what officers may say online, and most of the departments included in the Plain View database said this week they are launching investigations into their officers' Facebook feeds. St. Louis began an internal affairs probe, and announced that officers will undergo sensitivity training, after researchers flagged 166 posts by active-duty police. The city prosecutor's office said Wednesday it has launched a separate review.

"These posts are disturbing and unacceptable," Mayor Lyda Krewson said in a statement. "We expect professionalism out of every city employee. No exceptions."

In Phoenix, Police Chief Jeri Williams has moved some officers to "non-enforce-

ment" assignments while the department probes Facebook posts she called "embarrassing and disturbing." The database included nearly 180 posts tied to current Phoenix police officers that disparage Muslims, black people, transgender people and other groups.

"They completely contradict how the Phoenix Police Department should speak about the members of our community or others," Williams said in a statement.

York, a small city in south-central Pennsylvania, is likewise investigating its officers' posts, and the police department will "take disciplinary action if any is warranted," said Officer Derek Hartman, a police spokesman. York's social media policy prohibits online conduct that "negatively impacts" the police department and residents.



In this Sept. 19, 2017 file photo St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson holds a news conference at city hall in St. Louis.

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The database includes a 2014 Facebook post purportedly by Galen Detweiler, a York officer who worked for Baltimore police at the time. "Bucket list: Punch a guy so hard he poops himself," the post said. The comment had a checkmark next to it.

Three years later, Detweiler was caught on video repeatedly punching a female suspect in the face during a struggle outside a York bar.

The woman's attorney, Leticia Chavez-Freed, said Wednesday she plans to use his 2014 post as an exhibit in a federal lawsuit alleging he used excessive force.

"You just see how embedded this culture is of punishing instead of policing, a lack of compassion for people who may not look like you, and frankly a love of violence," she said.

York police declined to make Detweiler available for comment.

Baker-White, a former federal public defender in Philadelphia, got the idea for Plain View after she was assigned to a police brutality case and found an inflammatory social media post by one of the officers involved.

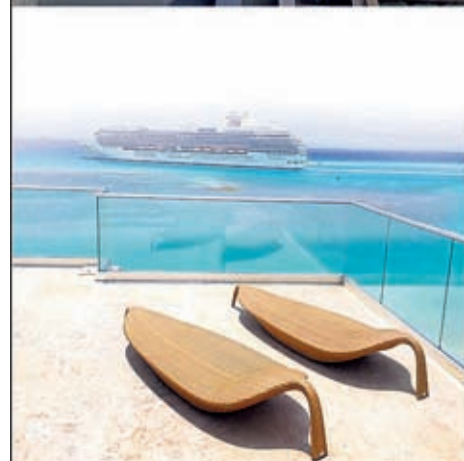
"That made me ask the question, how prevalent is this stuff? How much of this

stuff is out there?" she said. Funded by Injustice Watch, a not-for-profit journalism organization, Baker-White and her team pored through the Facebook accounts of more than 2,800 current officers and nearly 700 former officers.

They wound up flagging posts by 556 of the current officers — about one in 5 of those studied — and 299 former officers. The database includes more than 5,000 posts, as well as comments on the posts. The results were jointly published on Saturday by Injustice Watch and BuzzFeed News.

The Lake County, Florida, Sheriff's Office said Wednesday it is reviewing posts by 16 deputies. Though department policy bars employees from posting material that is "unethical, slanderous, derogatory ... or that tends to compromise the integrity of the member," spokesman John Herrell said employees are given a "great deal more latitude" if they don't identify themselves as members of the law enforcement agency.

And in Denison, Texas, City Manager Judson Rex said that the city 80 miles (130 kilometers) north of Dallas "does not condone racism or hate of any kind, on or off the job" and will discipline officers "if needed." □



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## Americans think fake news is big problem, blame politicians

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Half of U.S. adults consider fake news a major problem, and they mostly blame politicians and activists for it, according to a new survey.

A majority also believe journalists have the responsibility for fixing it. Differences in political affiliation are a major factor in how people think about fake news, as Republicans are more likely than Democrats to also blame journalists for the problem.

The question of how to deal with made-up or misleading stories has embroiled politicians, civil-rights organizations and tech companies in the aftermath of misinformation campaigns by Russians and others aimed at undermining democratic institutions in the U.S. and Europe.

A survey from the Pew Research Center, released Wednesday, finds that 68% of U.S. adults believe fake news affects confidence in government institutions. Misinformation was cited more often as a major problem than sexism, racism, illegal immigration or terrorism.

Pew typically left the definition of "made-up news and information" open-ended, though some questions specified that it was information "intended to mislead the public."

As for who's to blame for false information, 57% pointed the finger at political leaders and their staffs, while 53% said activist groups bore responsibility. Journalists and foreign actors such as Russia each got the blame from more

than a third of survey participants, who were able to name multiple parties.

Republicans were more likely than Democrats to report seeing made-up news and were more pessimistic that it could be fixed. Pew noted that Republicans tend to be more skeptical about the media and more likely to think coverage is one-sided.

President Donald Trump, who often makes remarks that aren't true, regularly accuses media organizations of making up news he doesn't like. He has often criticized CNN and prefers Fox News. On Monday, he called CNN "fake news" in a tweet and even suggested a boycott of its parent company, wireless carrier AT&T.

"He tends to see anything that's politically inconvenient as made-up news or fake news," said Nina Jankowicz, a fellow at the Wilson Center who studies Russian influence campaigns. "I wouldn't be surprised if that kind of transferred to his followers as well." Republicans take the idea of made-up news to "mean news that is critical of Trump," rather than nonsense stories, said Yochai Benkler, a Harvard Law School professor who wrote a book on disinformation and right-wing media.

Like Trump, 62% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents said fake news is a big problem, compared with 40% of Democrats and Democrat-leaning independents.

Republicans were more likely to blame journalists

for the fake-news problem, at 58%, while 20% of Democrats said journalists create made-up news. Republicans were far more likely to believe that journalists inserting their own views into stories was a big problem in keeping the public informed (60%, compared with 20% among Democrats). Roughly half of Republicans and Democrats alike said they have unknowingly shared fake news, and about 1 in 10 said they have shared stories they already knew were untrue. □



In this Tuesday, April 2, 2019, file photo, a man browses through the Twitter account of Alt News, a fact-checking website.

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## Trump halts fetal tissue research by government scientists

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and LAURAN NEERGAARD

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Trump administration said Wednesday it is ending medical research by government scientists that uses human fetal tissue, overriding the advice of scientists who say it has led to life-saving medical advances and handing abortion opponents a major victory.

The Health and Human Services Department said in a statement that government-funded research by universities that involves fetal tissue can continue for now, subject to additional scrutiny — although it also ended one major university project that used the tissue to test HIV treatments.



In this Aug. 17, 2009 file photo, Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, at NIH headquarters in Bethesda, Md.

Associated Press

The policy changes will not affect privately funded research, officials said.

Ending the use of fetal tissue by the National Insti-

tutes of Health has been a priority for anti-abortion activists, a core element of President Donald Trump's political base. A senior ad-

ministration official said it was the president's call. The official wasn't authorized to publicly discuss internal deliberations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

But research using fetal tissue has led to life-saving advances, including development of vaccines for rubella and rabies and drugs to treat the HIV virus. Scientists around the country denounced the decision, saying that fetal tissue was critically needed for research on HIV vaccines, treatments that harness the body's immune system to battle cancer, and a list of other health threats, including some to fetuses themselves.

"Prohibiting valuable research that uses fetal tissue that is otherwise going to be discarded doesn't make any sense," said Dr. Lawrence Goldstein, a regenerative medicine specialist at the University of California, San Diego. "It blocks important future research vital to the development of new therapies."

The government's own top medical scientist, NIH Director Francis Collins, said as recently as last December that he believes "there's strong evidence that scientific benefits come from fetal tissue research," and that fetal tissue, rather than any alternatives, would "continue to be the mainstay" for certain types of research for the foreseeable future.

"Today, fetal tissue is still making an impact, with clinical trials underway using cells from fetal tissue to treat conditions including Parkinson's disease, ALS, and spinal cord injury," said Doug Melton, co-director of Harvard's Stem Cell Institute and president of the International Society for Stem Cell Research.

Last year, the administration announced a review of whether taxpayer dollars were being properly spent on fetal tissue research. As a result, NIH froze procurement of new tissue. On Wednesday, the administration also said it is not renewing an expiring contract with the University of California, San Francisco that used fetal tissue to create a human-like immune system in mice for HIV research.

The department said it was trying to balance "pro-life" and "pro-science" imperatives.

Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America, said in a statement that the administration has "once again done the right thing in restoring a culture of life to our government." The Susan B. Anthony List, a group that works to elect lawmakers opposed to abortion, said in a statement that taxpayer funding ought to go to promoting alternatives to using fetal tissue in medical research. The NIH is funding a \$20 million program to "develop, demonstrate, and validate experimental models that do not rely on human fetal tissue from elective abortions."

That idea got strong support from a Republican senator who oversees NIH funding.

"Today's action is a significant pro-life victory," Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri said in a statement. NIH "has directed funding toward the development of alternative research methods that do not rely on human fetal tissue from elective abortions and I remain supportive of that effort."

But the scientific consensus is there is no adequate substitute for fetal tissues in some research areas. □

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# Oakland becomes 2nd U.S. city to decriminalize magic mushrooms

By SAMANTHA MALDONADO

**Associated Press**  
**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Oakland on Tuesday became the second U.S. city to decriminalize magic mushrooms after a string of people shared how psychedelics helped them overcome depression, drug addiction and post-traumatic stress disorder. The City Council voted unanimously to decriminalize the adult use and possession of magic mushrooms and other entheogenic, or psychoactive, plants. Denver voters approved a similar measure for people 21 and older last month.

Speakers overwhelmingly supported the move, describing substances like peyote as traditional plant-based medicines. One man who described himself as a former heroin addict said such plants saved his life. Some offered mystical descriptions of the hallucinogens as providing spiritual healing.

The vote makes the investigation and arrest of adults who grow, possess, use or distribute entheogenic plants one of the lowest priorities for police. No city money could be used to enforce laws criminalizing

the substances, and the Alameda County district attorney would stop prosecuting people who have been apprehended for use or possession.

Council member Noel Gallo, who introduced the resolution, had said decriminalizing such plants would enable Oakland police to focus on serious crime. Amendments offered by Council member Loren Taylor added caveats that the substances "are not for everyone," recommending that people with PTSD or major depression seek professional help before using them and that people "don't go solo" but seek expert guidance and have a trusted friend present during the use.

The ordinance also directs the city administrator to come back within a year to provide the council with an assessment of the law's impact on the community. "Entheogenic plants and fungi are tremendous for helping to enable healing, particularly for folks who have experienced trauma in their lives," Carlos Plazola, chairman of the advocacy group Decriminalize Nature Oakland, said before the council meeting. "These plants are being recommended pretty extensively



In this Friday, May 24, 2019 photo a vendor bags psilocybin mushrooms at a cannabis marketplace in Los Angeles. Oakland City Council will vote Tuesday, June 4, 2019, to decriminalize the possession and use of entheogenic, or psychoactive, plants and fungi.

Associated Press

undercover, underground, by doctors and therapists." The Oakland Police Department did not respond to emailed messages from The Associated Press seeking comment before the meeting. Alameda County Deputy District Attorney Teresa Drenick declined to comment.

Magic mushrooms are still illegal under federal and state law. Entheogenic substances are considered Schedule 1 drugs under the federal Controlled Substances Act, which categorizes drugs that have potential for abuse and no medical value.

Skeptics had raised concerns about unsafe use, especially in schools.

To address such concerns, Gallo said, lawmakers would have to establish rules and regulations about

the use of such substances, including what exactly can be used, how to use them and what the associated risks are.

Entheogenic plants have long been used in religious and cultural contexts. Gallo remembers his grandmother treating his family members with plants, including entheogenic ones, for a variety of ailments.

"Growing up in the Mexican community, this was our cure," Gallo said. Hemp oils, mushrooms and yerba buenas — an aromatic plant known for its medicinal properties — "that was our Walgreens. We didn't have a Walgreens. We didn't have a way to pay for any drugs. These are plants we have known for thousands of years in our community and that we continue to use." □

# Medicaid bought sex offenders' erectile dysfunction drugs

By DAVID KLEPPER

**ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)** — Registered sex offenders in New York received \$63,000 worth of erectile dysfunction drugs and other sexual treatments courtesy of the state's publicly funded Medicaid program, according to an audit released Wednesday.

Federal rules bar Medicaid coverage of sexual treatments for all recipients, not just sex offenders. Yet state Medicaid officials approved \$930,000 in improv-

er payments for the drugs between 2012 and 2018, according to the audit released by state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and first reported by The Associated Press.

According to the audit, 47 of those Medicaid recipients were also state sex offenders, who are prohibited from getting Medicaid-covered sexual treatments under a state law.

The lapses identified in the audit show the need for immediate action by state

health officials to increase accountability and oversight, DiNapoli said.

The auditors "either ignored the law or the facts, which

undermines any value that can be associated with its findings," the department said in a formal, written response to the audit. □

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# Homelessness rises 12% in Los Angeles County, study finds

By **CHRISTOPHER WEBER**

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The number of homeless people counted across Los Angeles County jumped 12% over the past year to nearly 59,000, with more young and old residents and families on the streets, officials said Tuesday.

The majority of the homeless were found within the city of Los Angeles, which saw a 16% increase to 36,300, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority said in presenting January's annual count to the county Board of Supervisors.

The increase was registered a year after the previous tally found a slight decrease in the county's homeless population.

The problem was apparent just outside the board meeting, where a man and a woman were camped out on a small patch of lawn. Tents regularly pop up on the pavement outside nearby City Hill and hundreds of people live in makeshift shanties that line entire blocks in the notorious neighborhood known as Skid Row.

The county's Homeless Services Authority said it helped 21,631 people move into permanent housing during 2018 — a pace that would have helped rapidly end homelessness if economic pressures had not simultaneously pushed thousands more out of their homes.

But while some people who had been homeless managed to get permanent places to live, others who had homes were forced onto the streets of metro Los Angeles' vast urban



In this May 30, 2019 file photo tents housing homeless line a street in downtown Los Angeles.

Associated Press

sprawl.

"People are being housed out of homelessness and falling into homelessness on a continuous basis," said Peter Lynn, the authority's executive director.

About a quarter of those counted became homeless for the first time in 2018, and about half of those cited economic hardship as the primary cause, the authority said.

To reduce homelessness, communities must overcome resistance to the placement of housing and shelters, officials said.

Three years ago, Los Angeles voters approved a tax hike and \$1.2 billion housing bond to make a decade's worth of massive investments to help solve the homeless crisis. That bond money has been committed to build more than half of the 10,000 new housing units planned countywide over the next decade, Lynn said.

About three-quarters of the homeless people counted were living outdoors, fueling concerns of a growing public health crisis with piles of garbage and rats near homeless encampments lining downtown sidewalks.

The Skid Row area is "ground zero" for the crisis, where the smell of human waste permeates the air and violence is common, said Estela Lopez of the Downtown Industrial Business Improvement District. The district's business members, mainly fish and produce vendors, pay additional property tax for on-demand power-washing of sidewalks and a private security force that mediates disputes and clears people congregating at companies' front doors and loading docks.

"We're not the police but we're increasingly doing police work because we're out there all day, every day," said Lopez. "We're

the ones flagged down if someone has a seizure or if someone ODs."

Lopez estimates her group's private trash service removes between 5 and 7 tons of garbage every day. County Supervisor Janice Hahn called the increase in homeless population "disheartening."

"Even though our data shows we are housing more people than ever, it is hard to be optimistic when that progress is overwhelmed by the number of people falling into homelessness," Hahn said.

The Los Angeles County figures mirror tallies across California, as state officials struggle to address a lack of affordable housing. In addition, officials said, wages among lower income people have not kept up with the rising cost of living.

Some state lawmakers on Tuesday called for legislation capping rent increases

on some tenants and encouraging the construction of more affordable housing.

"We're seeing folks who are working, have jobs and are homeless. They can't afford the rent. They can't afford to live in the communities in which they've grown up their entire life. And they're being displaced," said Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks, a Democrat from Oakland, where a countywide survey this year found a 43% increase in the homeless population over the last several years.

But California tenant legislation faces persistent opposition from landlords and other major housing bills have already sputtered this legislative session.

Officials in San Francisco, which struggles with income inequality and a growing number of homeless residents, are considering a proposal to force mentally ill and addicted people into treatment. Critics say the plan goes against the spirit of a city known for its fierce protection of civil rights.

The Los Angeles County count found a 24% increase in homeless youth, defined as people under 25, and a 7% jump in people 62 or older.

Officials estimate about 29% of people experiencing homelessness in the county are mentally ill or coping with substance abuse problems.

About two-thirds of all people on the streets of metro Los Angeles are male, just under one-third are female, and about 2% identify as transgender or gender non-conforming. □

# Connecticut lawmakers move to ban 'gay panic defense'

**HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)**

— Criminal defendants in Connecticut would be barred from claiming as their sole legal defense that they panicked after learning about their victim's sexual orientation under a bill heading to the governor's desk.

The state House of Representatives unanimously

passed a bill Tuesday that prevents defendants from using the so-called gay panic defense.

That defense blames a violent reaction on discovering a victim's actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Rep. Rep. Raghieb Allie-Brennan, a Democrat from

Bethel, made note of the 1998 death of Matthew Shepard, the college student who was beaten to death by two men in Wyoming.

Defense attorneys unsuccessfully attempted to use the gay panic defense. A judge would not allow it and those men were convicted.

"It's a very important case that we should not forget about," said Allie-Brennan, noting the recent increase in the number of reported hate crimes the U.S. According to the FBI, the number increased by about 17% in 2017.

Cuomo said the bill is one of his top priorities before the Legislature adjourns

June 19.

According to the Washington, D.C.-based National LGBT Bar Association, which is leading an effort to pass such legislation across the country, said California, Illinois, Rhode Island and Nevada have already banned gay panic defenses. Legislation is pending in other states. □

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## Doctor accused of murder in 25 patient overdose deaths

By KANTELE FRANKO  
Associated Press

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — An Ohio doctor was charged with murder Wednesday in the deaths of 25 hospital patients who, authorities say, were killed with deliberate overdoses of painkillers that in many cases were administered by other medical workers on his orders.

In one of the biggest cases of its kind ever brought against an American health care professional, William Husel was accused of ordering outsize doses of the powerful painkiller fentanyl to patients who were on ventilators and receiving palliative care between 2015 and 2018.

Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien compared Husel's actions to extinguishing a dwindling candle.

"That candle, while there may be just a half an inch of wax left, if I blow that candle out, I'm causing that flame to go out sooner than it would naturally," O'Brien said.

Husel, 43, pleaded not guilty after turning himself in earlier in the day. A judge set bail at \$1 million.

The doctor is the lone defendant. Authorities are not prosecuting nurses, pharmacists and others involved in the deaths, though dozens of those hospital employees have been reported to professional boards for investigation and potential disciplinary action.

Husel's lawyer said he was trying to provide "comfort care" for dying patients.

"At no time did Dr. Husel ever intend to euthanize anyone — euthanize meaning speed up death," defense attorney Richard Blake said.

The patients were going to die whether they were being treated by Husel or another physician, Blake said. The Columbus-area Mount Carmel Health System found Husel ordered potentially fatal drug doses for 29 patients over several years, including five who might have received those drugs when there still was a chance to improve their conditions with treatment. The hospital system said six more patients got doses that were excessive but probably did not cause their deaths.

It was not immediately clear why the charges cited 25 deaths and the hospital cited 29 deaths. O'Brien said the investigation remains open and other deaths are still being reviewed.

Husel was fired in December and stripped of his medical license after concerns about his orders were brought to the attention of officials at Mount Carmel, where he had worked for five years.

Mount Carmel has said it should have investigated and taken action against Husel more quickly. It said that the doctor was not removed from patient care until four weeks after concerns about him were raised in the fall, and that three patients died during that gap after receiving excessive doses he ordered.

Police Sgt. Terry McConnell

said none of the families who talked with investigators believed that what happened was "mercy treatment."

Amy Pfaff, whose mother was among the patients whose deaths prompted the charges, said she was pleased to see Husel charged but still wonders about his motives.

"Trust me, I sit many hours sitting trying to figure out why would he do this to so many people, and I just don't know," Pfaff said.

More than two dozen wrongful-death lawsuits have been filed against the doctor and the hospital system, including one by Pfaff over the October 2017 death of her mother, Beverlee Schirtzinger.

The hospital system has publicly apologized and settled some of the cases for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

All employees who had a role in administering medication to the victims have been removed from pa-



Former critical care doctor William Husel, center, pleads not guilty to murder charges in the deaths of 25 hospital patients while appearing with defense attorney Richard Blake, right, in Franklin County Court on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio.

Associated Press

tient care as a precaution, hospital officials have said. All told, 48 nurses and pharmacists were reported to their respective professional boards. Thirty of those employees were put on leave, and 18 no longer work there, including some who left years ago, officials said. Records show no prior disciplinary action against Husel by the State Medical Board. The board will

not disclose whether it received any complaints that did not result in action. The allegations against Husel recalled another Ohio case involving a former nurse's aide dubbed the Angel of Death. That man, Donald Harvey, confessed in 1987 to killing 37 people, most of them hospital patients, over the span of two decades in Ohio and Kentucky. □

## Massive ladybug swarm over California shows up on radar

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A huge blob that appeared on the National Weather Service's radar wasn't a rain cloud, but a massive swarm of ladybugs over Southern California.

Meteorologist Joe Dandrea says the array of bugs appeared to be about 80 miles (129 kilometers) wide

as it flew over San Diego Tuesday.

But Dandrea tells the Los Angeles Times that the ladybugs are actually spread throughout the sky, flying at between 5,000 and 9,000 feet (1,525 and 2,745 meters), with the most concentrated group about 10 miles (16 kilometers) wide.

It wasn't immediately known what type of ladybug was causing the phenomenon.

The Times says one species, adult convergent lady beetles, mate and migrate from the Sierra Nevada to valley areas where they eat aphids and lay eggs. □

# EU commission urges legal action against Italy over debt

By **LORNE COOK**  
**GIADA ZAMPANO**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The European Commission recommended Wednesday that legal action be launched against Italy because it failed to respect EU debt rules last year and is likely to do so again in 2019 and 2020, setting up a new confrontation with the populist government in Rome. In coming weeks, EU member states must assess whether an "excessive deficit procedure" should be opened against Italy and the extent of any penalties. It could face billions of euros (dollars) in fines. According to a new commission report, Italy's public debt stood at 132.2% of GDP in 2018, far above the EU's 60% limit.

"Moreover, Italy is not projected to comply with the debt reduction benchmark in either 2019 or 2020 based on both the government plans and the commission 2019 spring forecast," the report said. Debt is forecast



European Commissioner for Euro and Social Dialogue Valdis Dombrovskis speaks during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels, Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

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to rise to 135%.

EU Commission Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis told reporters that "Italy pays as much in debt servicing as for the entire education system. In 2018, Italy's debt represented an

average burden of 38,400 euros (\$43,251) per inhabitant, and in addition the average debt servicing cost was around 1,000 euros (\$1,126)."

He added that Italian economic "growth has come

to almost a halt."

The action comes at a time of rising tensions between Brussels and the Italian government, in particular Deputy Premier Matteo Salvini, who has been emboldened by his right-wing

League party's strong gains in last month's EU elections. The Italian government only won commission approval for its 2019 budget plan late last year. After some early defiance from Salvini, Rome agreed to reduce the deficit to acceptable levels.

Salvini wasted little time Wednesday in suggesting that he would soon put the commission in its place.

"I'm sure that in Brussels they will respect our will," he said. "The only way to cut the debt created in the past is to reduce taxes and allow Italians to work more and better."

"Cuts, sanctions and austerity have only produced more debt, poverty, precariousness and unemployment. We need to do the opposite," Salvini said.

Taking to Facebook, the leader of Italy's other ruling party, the populist 5-Star Movement, complained that some EU countries have been getting away with high debt for years. □

# Denmark: Early returns show populists fading, left leading

By **JAN M. OLSEN**  
**Associated Press**

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)** — Early results and exit polls from Denmark's general election Wednesday suggested left-leaning parties making gains and the country's populists fading, which if confirmed by final returns would put the main opposition Social Democrats back in power after

four years.

The party led by 41-year-old Mette Frederiksen, which vowed a tough stance on immigration while campaigning, got 25.3% of the vote, according to an exit poll for broadcaster DR. An exit poll by broadcaster TV2 showed a similar picture.

Other left-leaning parties also made gains. If those parties supported the So-

cial Democrats to form a "red bloc," a Social Democrat-led government would have 90 votes in the 179-seat parliament, a majority.

The exits polls and vote count showed the Liberal Party of Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen with a slight gain from four years ago. But the support the opposition was getting and

he would no longer muster a majority in the 179-seat Folketing.

The Danish People's Party's performance was a contrast to some other European countries, where far-right populists are on the rise. The party, a backer of Rasmussen's center-right government and the second-largest party in the outgoing parliament, re-

turned in 2015.

Many Danish People's Party voters have drifted to the Social Democrats, mainly because of its readopting strict views on immigration. The party advocated restricting immigrant in the 1980s and 1990s, but softened its position later while in a coalition with left-wing parties.

Its lawmakers have voted for several of the center-right government's laws to tighten immigration.

"This is really, really bad," party leader Kristian Thuesen Dahl said, adding the party would not change its politics because of the loss. However, the Hardliner Course and New Right, two openly anti-Muslim groups that fielded candidates for the first time, were hovering around the 2% threshold to enter Parliament. The Social Democrats have said they want to form a one-party government headed by Frederiksen, who would become Denmark's youngest-ever prime minister. □

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## Australian Cardinal Pell appeals child sex convictions

By ROD McGUIRK  
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— Lawyers for the most senior Roman Catholic found guilty of child sex abuse argued in his appeal on Wednesday that he could not have molested two choirboys in an Australian cathedral undetected moments after Sunday Masses while he was dressed in an archbishop's robes.

Cardinal George Pell, 77, wore a black suit and black shirt with a cleric's collar when he appeared for the Victoria state Court of Appeal hearing before three judges. He came and went from the court as the sole occupant of a prison van. He said nothing during the hearing.

Pell's lawyer Bret Walker argued for more than five hours that the five verdicts against Pell were "unsafe and unsatisfactory" and should be overturned.

Pell's lawyers cited former High Court Justice Michael McHugh who said "juries are likely to be affected by the prejudices and even the hysterias that from time to time are found in the community."

Demonstrator Joe Mitchell, 83, drove more than 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) from his home in Newcastle in New South Wales state to Melbourne to protest outside the court against the church response to child abuse.

"I'm a victim. I hope they put a rope around his ... neck," a tearful Mitchell said. "They say how could you remember back 70 years? I remember every-



In this Feb. 27, 2019, file photo, Cardinal George Pell arrives at the County Court in Melbourne, Australia.

thing."

The prosecution will argue on Thursday why the verdicts were sound and should stand. Whoever wins, the case could reach the High Court, Australia's ultimate arbiter.

A jury unanimously convicted Pell in December of orally raping a 13-year-old choirboy and indecently dealing with the boy and the boy's 13-year-old friend in Melbourne's St. Patrick's Cathedral in the late 1990s. Pell had become archbishop of Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city, only months before.

Court orders for months had prevented publication of the details of that trial and an earlier trial on

similar charges that had ended in September with a deadlocked jury.

Pell was sentenced in March to six years in prison. He is held in special protective custody because pedophiles are regarded as being at higher risk of harm from other prisoners.

While Pell remains Australia's highest-ranking Catholic, the Vatican is conducting its own investigation into the convictions of Pope Francis's former finance minister.

Francis' papacy has been thrown into turmoil by clerical sexual abuse and the church's handling of such cases worldwide. In a little more than a year, the pope has admitted

he made "grave errors" in Chile's worst case of cover-up, Pell was convicted of abuse, a French cardinal was convicted of failing to report a pedophile, and a third cardinal, former U.S. church leader Theodore McCarrick, was defrocked after a Vatican investigation determined he molested children and adults. Walker told the three judges the main ground for appeal was that the jury could not have found Pell guilty beyond reasonable doubt on the evidence.

In written submissions, Pell's lawyers said that more than 20 prosecution witnesses who had an official role in the Sunday Mass in 1996, after which the then-Arch-

bishop Pell molested the boys in a rear room over five or six minutes, gave evidence that the offences did not or could not have occurred.

"This evidence constituted a catalogue of at least 13 solid obstacles in the path of a conviction," the submissions said.

"No matter what view was taken of the complainant as a witness, it was simply not open to a jury to accept his words beyond reasonable doubt," they added.

Pell's lawyers argue in their submissions the "the evidence showed the offending was impossible."

One of the appeal judges, Justice Mark Weinberg, said the term "impossibility" had been used by the defense repeatedly during Pell's trial and was "quite misleading in lots of ways."

One of Pell's victims died of a heroin overdose in 2014 at the age of 31, apparently without making any accusation of abuse. State law prevents victims of sexual assault from being publicly identified. Weeks after Pell molested the two boys in a priests' sacristy, the then archbishop has been convicted of squeezing the surviving choirboy's genitals as they passed in a corridor after Mass. Pell's lawyers argue that the new archbishop would have been speaking to worshippers on the front steps of the cathedral in the moments after a Mass in December 1996, when the prosecutors alleged he found his victims swigging altar wine and abused them. □

# Saudi Arabia flies Iranian to hospital off 'hostile' ship

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — Saudi Arabia said it evacuated an Iranian crew member from a "hostile" ship off the coast of Yemen amid its war against the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels, the second such aid it has offered in recent weeks amid heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran.

The Saudi military flew rescue paramedics to the *Saviz*, an Iranian vessel some 95 nautical miles northwest of Yemen's contested port city of Hodeida, spokesman Col. Turki al-Maliki said. They then flew the injured Iranian to a military hospital in Jizan, Maliki said.

Iran's mission to the United Nations had made a request to aid the Iranian, Maliki said. The mission did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

"The leadership of the joint forces has dealt with the situation according to what is dictated by our Is-



An F/A-18 fighter jet flies over the deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier in the Arabian Sea, Monday, June 3, 2019.

Associated Press

lamic religion and human values, despite the threat represented by this suspect vessel, and the hostile acts it carries out against coalition forces and the interests of the Yemeni people and its continued threats to

maritime routes and global trade in the Red Sea," Maliki said in a statement Tuesday.

The statement did not elaborate. Saudi Arabia and Iran are chief Mideast rivals and the Saudis since

2017 have alleged the *Saviz* served as a maritime base and weapons transshipment point for Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard. Briefing materials from the Saudi military earlier obtained by The Asso-

ciated Press showed men on the vessel dressed in camouflaged military-style fatigues, as well as small boats capable of ferrying cargo to the Yemeni coast. Video broadcast of the ship last year by the Saudi-owned satellite news channel Al-Arabiya showed what appeared to be a covered machine gun bolted to the ship's deck.

A July 2018 analysis from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy called the *Saviz* an "Iranian mothership" in the region. It described the ship as a cargo vessel docked at the time off the Dahlak archipelago, a chain of islands off the coast of the nearby African nation of Eritrea in the Red Sea. "The Iranian military is likely using the *Saviz* to provide targeting data for Houthi antishipping attacks" in the Red Sea, the institute alleged, without elaborating. The institute's analysts routinely have access to Gulf and Israeli military sources. □

# Syrian Kurds send 8 American IS women, children back to US

Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Kurdish authorities in northern Syria have transferred eight U.S. women and children who were captured with the Islamic State group back to America, Kurdish officials said Wednesday.

Abdulkarim Omar, a senior official in the Kurdish self-rule administration, said the group includes two women and six children. He said they were returned at the request of the U.S. government and based on their own desire to return "without any pressure or coercion."

Omar didn't identify the women and children involved, and there was no immediate confirmation or comment from U.S. officials. It was not clear when they left Syria, who they were handed over to, or where in the U.S. they will be taken. It is the second such repatriation of U.S. nationals from Syria. Earlier this year, a woman and four children were returned to the U.S.



In this Friday, March 1, 2019 file photo, a woman is frisked by a U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) fighter at a screening area after being evacuated out of the last territory held by Islamic State group militants, in the desert outside Baghouz, Syria.

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Since the Islamic State group's territorial defeat in Syria and Iraq, the issue of which authorities should prosecute IS foreign fighters and what to do with the

families they left behind has become a priority. Thousands of IS members and their families are in camps and detention centers in northern Syria, including

around 74,000 people who are being sheltered at al-Hol camp in Hasakeh province.

Thousands of others are caught in Iraq's judicial sys-

tem, awaiting trial. Many Western nations have refused to repatriate their nationals, citing security concerns.

Others, however, have been taking back their nationals on case by case basis.

On Monday, Kurdish authorities handed over to a Norwegian envoy five orphans of IS members who were killed in Syria. Last week, Iraq handed over to Turkey 188 Turkish children of suspected IS members. Omar said only "humanitarian cases" are currently being repatriated, adding that any fighters or women accused of working with the Islamic State will remain in detention, pending trial. Kurdish authorities, who drove the Islamic State group from its last strongholds in Syria, have called for setting up an international tribunal to prosecute hundreds of foreigners rounded up in the five-year campaign against the extremist group. □



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## Thai coup leader uses ballot box to stay as prime minister

**BANGKOK (AP)** — When Prayuth Chan-ocha led a military coup to take over Thailand's government five years ago, he wore a dowdy officer's uniform. A five-year makeover transformed him into a politician, now styled in a well-tailored Western suit or an elegant silk "suea phraratchathan," a Thai spin on the Nehru jacket.

The now-retired general, who has run Thailand with absolute power since the 2014 coup, completed his transition to a civilian leader Wednesday when Parliament chose him as prime minister of the new government.

As the leader of the junta and government for the past five years, Prayuth scrapped the constitution and restricted civil liberties with limits on media, political gatherings and public dissent. What began as a strategy to suppress resistance to the coup evolved into a means to weaken opponents before much-



Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha smiles after speech for the opening ceremony of Anti-Human Trafficking Day in Bangkok, Thailand, Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

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delayed elections. Finally held in March, the voting was conducted under campaign and vote-counting rules weighted to Prayuth's advantage, including allowing him to

become prime minister without directly running for political office.

On the campaign trail, Prayuth would break into song, wooing supporters with self-written saccharine ballads

addressed to the nation. "Uncle Tu" even sought the youth vote, including during an awkward photo shoot at Government House with a popular all-girl pop band.

But his hallmark was not his trendiness, but rather his temper.

Thailand's former top military officer was unused to being questioned and frequently threw tantrums when pressed by the media as prime minister. He once threatened reporters with execution in a moment that displayed his quixotic sense of humor rather than real intent.

Another time, he produced a life-size, cardboard cutout of himself and told the media, "If anyone wants to ask any questions on politics or conflicts, ask this guy. Bye, bye." He then marched off, leaving the cardboard cutout in his place.

Prayuth's first term in office was largely smoothed by his government's crack-down on opponents and civic freedoms, the rubber-stamp legislature he hand-picked, a newly drafted constitution and a law he enacted making all of his actions legal. □

## Russian, Chinese leaders hail burgeoning ties

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday hosted Chinese leader Xi Jinping for Kremlin talks that reflected increasingly close ties between the two former Cold War-era communist rivals. Xi called Putin his "close friend," noting that they have met nearly 30 times over the last six years. The trip marked Xi's eighth visit to Russia since he took the helm in 2012.

"We will strengthen our mutual support on key issues," Xi said, sitting next to Putin in an ornate Kremlin hall. Relations between Russia and China have become increasingly close as they

both face mounting tensions with the U.S.

Moscow's ties with Washington have declined sharply over the Ukrainian crisis, the war in Syria and the allegations of Kremlin meddling in the U.S. 2016 presidential elections, while China is engaged in a spiraling trade war with the U.S.

"Protectionism and unilateral approaches are on the rise, and a policy of force and hegemonism is increasingly taking hold," Xi said.

Putin and Xi were meeting in Moscow as world leaders gathered on the south coast of England to mark

the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Putin, who attended 70th anniversary commemorations in France five years ago, has not been invited. Russia was not involved in D-Day but the Soviet effort was crucial in defeating the Nazis on the Eastern Front.

The Russian leader emphasized that Moscow and Beijing have the same view on many global issues, particularly noting their shared opposition to Washington's withdrawal from the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, a key Cold War-era arms control pact. □



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and Chinese President Xi Jinping enter a hall for the talks in the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

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# Guatemalans still risk migration despite child deaths in US

By SONIA PÉREZ D.

Associated Press

CAMOTAN, Guatemala

(AP) — Flies buzzed around the drinking water and food in the home of Ericka Gutiérrez Vásquez, as her 6-year-old son, Darwin, lay bedridden with diarrhea and vomiting.

Darwin fell ill in a detention center in Mexico before the two were deported back to Guatemala recently while trying to emigrate to the United States. Once he's better, they plan to strike out north again.

News of the deaths of five Guatemalan children in U.S. immigration custody in the last half year — including two recently from Quiché department, or province, where Gutiérrez lives — has reached the remote, sweltering towns and hamlets of eastern Guatemala. But it's not dissuading people from attempting their own arduous migrations with offspring in tow, often as young as toddlers and sometimes already in delicate health.

"It's terrifying," Gutiérrez, 25, said of the deaths. But she's been unable to find work even though she's a licensed teacher, and what's more, she has no other way to pay the \$5,000 debt she took on to pay the coyote, or smuggler. Coyotes typically let migrants try again free of charge if they fail to make it the first time. "Right now he is waiting for me to tell him if I can go."

After years of prolonged drought, crops have been devastated in what is one of Guatemala's most impoverished regions, said by locals to be largely forgotten by the country's authorities. The so-called dry corridor stretches across parts of 10 of Guatemala's 22 departments and into other Central American nations, and the United Nations says at least 1.4 million there lack food security after more than half the corn and bean crops were destroyed by drought and brief but damaging storms. What the area does produce is an increasing number of U.S.-bound mi-



In this Tuesday, May 28, 2019 photo, women wait in line with their containers to collect water in the village of El Tesoro, in Guatemala's eastern department of Chiquimula.

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grants hoping for succor in the United States, despite warnings by President Donald Trump not to come, a crackdown on transmigration by Mexico and Trump's threats to slap stiff tariffs on that country if it doesn't do even more to discourage the flow of mostly Central American migrants.

Gutiérrez and Darwin first left May 15, only to be detained two days later in Villahermosa, Mexico. By May 22, they were deported back to Guatemala. Her family doesn't want her to try again, but her mind is made up.

And going solo isn't an option, as the price would double: Smugglers charge those traveling with children less because they only have to get them to the border where they turn themselves in to U.S. authorities, not slip clandestinely across the frontier. And she would have fewer options once she reaches U.S. soil.

"It is easier," Gutiérrez said matter of factly, "with the boy."

In the nearby village of Tizamarte, Juan de León Gutiérrez, 16 and no relation, made a similar decision, seeing the only escape from misery in fleeing as an unaccompanied minor. His mother, Tránsito

Gutiérrez, said the family is so poor that on some days she eats just one of the two meals she's accustomed to.

Juan died April 30 at a Texas youth detention facility after having complained by phone to his mother of headaches and sleeplessness. According to the Nueces County medical examiner in Corpus Christi, Texas, a doctor determined he had a rare condition involving forehead swelling caused by infection in the frontal bone.

Days later back in Tizamarte, two neighbors, a father and his 8-year-old daughter, took off for the United States.

"They left," said Gutiérrez, who's on the hook for her son's smuggler's fee and stands to lose her, dark, humid, dirt-floor adobe home if she can't pay. "They knew that my son had died, but they also have their needs." Toribio Aldana, president of Tizamarte's Community Council, said about 100 of the village's 1,000 people have emigrated so far this year.

"The thing is, there is no work and there is tremendous need. The price of coffee fell. For lack of rain, the corn and bean harvests dried up — they no longer even provide enough for

consumption," Aldana said, let alone to sell for income. Guatemalan officials have distanced themselves from responsibility for child migrations.

"We are not leading these children by the hand. It is the parents who are taking these minors and exposing them in a way that we are now arriving at five deaths," Foreign Minister Sandra Jovel said recently.

The government has provided consular support for the grieving families of dead minors and covered the cost of repatriating their bodies.

But Gutiérrez Vásquez complained that there's practically zero assistance for families suffering in the dry corridor.

"Here there is no help of any kind. If you work, you eat," she said. The problem with work: "There is none." Just about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of Tizamarte lies Tituque, home of Dorothea Castillo, the grandmother of Wilmer Josué Ramírez Vásquez.

Wilmer was already in delicate health before the trip north, Castillo said. Although 2 years old, he was not yet walking and unable to hold himself upright in a sitting position. Nor did he speak beyond babbling the words "papá" and "Hil-

da," his mother's name. The boy weighed just 19 pounds (8.6 kilograms) and routinely suffered from cough and fevers.

"He couldn't even eat," Castillo said. "We put food into his mouth but he couldn't chew, only swallow."

There was no money for health exams to determine why he was apparently not developing properly for his age.

Hilda and Wilmer left home in March and took 22 days to make the journey to the U.S. border. The boy became ill on the way through Mexico and crossed into the United States with a high fever and difficulty breathing. Wilmer was diagnosed with pneumonia, according to the Guatemalan consul in Del Rio, Texas, and died about a month later at a children's hospital on May 14. An autopsy is pending.

Castillo said Hilda felt forced to leave Guatemala, where she was raising the boy without support from her ex-husband, who emigrated to Spain. She remains in the United States, free while her asylum case is pending.

Wilmer's family had barely buried the body and was still in the middle of nine days of prayer and mourning when others in the community departed.

"Women and men with their children, they're always leaving," Castillo said. "People believe that with their children, they'll be able to make it."

Health Ministry official Eliu Mazariego said common maladies in the dry corridor are infectious disease, diarrhea and pneumonia aggravated by hunger.

"Any child that has a problem, nutritionally speaking, their immune system is deteriorated, any infectious agent can hit them more quickly," Mazariego said. "A child with malnutrition is a perfect cocktail for acquiring any pathology."

Mazariego said the only solution is to address root problems such as poverty, exclusion and lack of access to basic services in those communities. □

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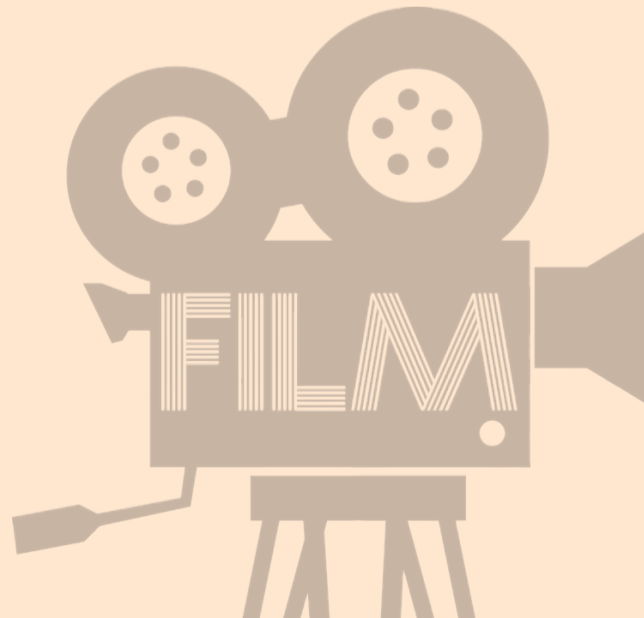
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## The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors on the island



**EAGLE BEACH** — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Goodwill Ambassador. The Goodwill Ambassador is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 20 years and more consecutively.

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The honorees were, Russell & Rita Kraus from Somerville Mass who have been coming to the island for 20 consecutive years!

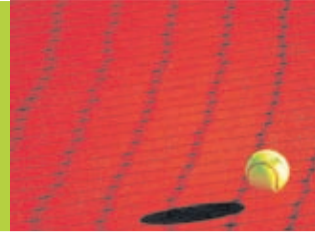
This lovely couple has many reasons for considering this island their home, the warm inviting sun, the gracious treatment from everyone, the absolute feeling of safety everywhere and at any time and the unending selection of restaurants and the abundance of shopping from flea markets to elegance.

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# SPORTS



Patrick Cantlay reacts after making par on 18th hole during the Memorial golf tournament Sunday, June 2, 2019, in Dublin, Ohio.

## Cantlay's past shows why the future is promising

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — To the victor go the social media requests.

This proved far more difficult for Patrick Cantlay than his 64 at Muirfield Village, the lowest final round by a winner in 44 years of the Memorial and a performance that suggested his move to No. 8 in the world was about more than any mathematical formula.

Cantlay looked at the phone as the PGA Tour social media team tried to explain what it wanted — a short video saying what this victory meant to him. He stretched his arm and struggled to get the right angle while still being able to start the video. Finally, a tour employee held it for him. Cantlay smiled and said all the right things.

"First selfie?" someone cracked as he walked off the stage. Cantlay rolled his eyes. He doesn't do social media. Cantlay appears to be anti-social on the golf course, which is misleading.

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# GIDDY UP



## OBJ says he's 'almost giddy' with the Browns

Cleveland Browns wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. runs a drill at the team's NFL football training facility in Berea, Ohio, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

# Beckham relishing new start, 'giddy' about Browns' potential

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

**BEREA, Ohio (AP)** — Once Odell Beckham Jr. found his way back to Ohio, it didn't take him long to notice a change.

"I feel something in the air," he said. "Something special that Cleveland hasn't had for a while."

Beckham has breathed new life into the Browns.

The superstar wide receiver held court for nearly 20 minutes Wednesday in his first media availability since Cleveland introduced him to its ravenous fan base in a news conference on April 1. Beckham, whose antics in New York became tabloid fodder for five seasons, spent most of the past eight weeks away from the team getting his body into peak condition and his mind right.

The 26-year-old said he's never felt better.

"Mentally, physically, spiritually, I've gone to a different place," he said. "For the people that know me, they know I'm in a place I've never been in in my entire life and I'm just happy with where I am at and I'm always going to keep it pushing."

Wearing an orange zip-up jacket with a pulled-up brown hoodie framing his face, Beckham smiled easily and often during his interview session while fenced in by one dozen TV cameras. He feels refreshed and can



Cleveland Browns wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. runs through a drill at the team's NFL football training facility in Berea, Ohio, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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hardly contain his excitement to be joining an offense that includes quarterback Baker Mayfield and close friend Jarvis Landry.

"I'm almost giddy," he said. "I feel like a little kid with the excitement that I have, seeing Baker, seeing these guys. We talk a lot about this offense, but this defense is something special and this team is really coming together. But the good part about it is that it's the beginning of June and we still got a lot of time, we still

got a training camp to go through and I feel like this team is going to come together.

"But I'm beyond excited about the opportunity I have here to start over, a new team. Obviously, the goal is always going to be the same — to hang banners, that's what you play this game. We know we got a lot of expectations. We got a lot of work to do and I think we'll get there." The Browns are just happy he's around.

They haven't seen much of the three-time Pro Bowler, who skipped the majority of the team's voluntary off-season workout program, showing up for just one practice while opting to train on his own in California.

Beckham, of course, stayed in the spotlight during his extended absence by chronicling his trips to Coachella, the Met Gala, and Monaco's Grand Prix with a steady stream of postings on Instagram.

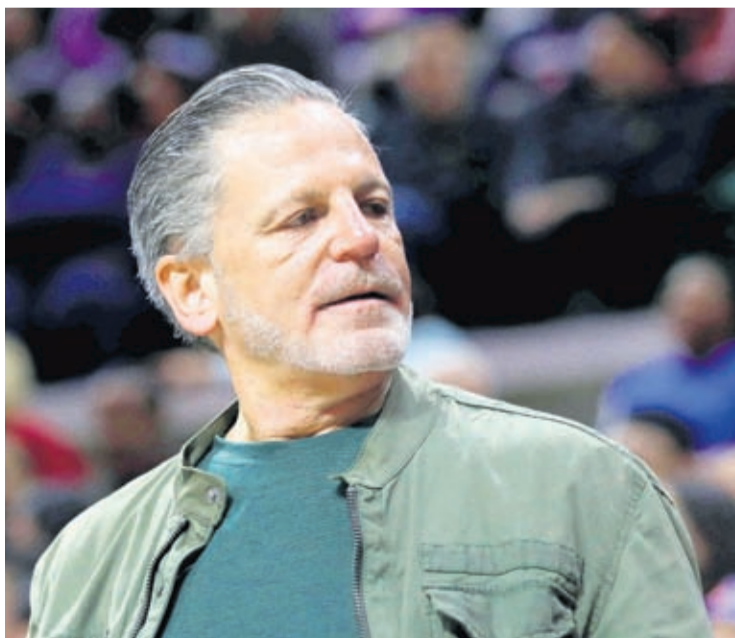
It's how Beckham rolls, and the Browns are quickly learning that his off-field moves will be as scrutinized as any pass patterns.

But they were OK with his solo mission, and believe going forward he'll put the team first. Beckham stayed in touch over the past two months with coach Freddie Kitchens, who isn't worried about the playmaker being behind.

"Odell is a bright guy," Kitchens said following a workout forced indoors by thunderstorms. "He is smart. It is not like this is the first time he has opened up our (play) book. He has been studying and all that kind of stuff. Odell is making progress just like everybody else. Odell had some bad plays, and he had some good plays. He is going to continue to grow and learn, and that is what everybody else is going to do. Odell doesn't have a magic wand.

"He is going to come out and he is going to work. He is going to work as hard as anybody to get better every day, a little bit better every day."

Beckham learned during his time in New York that everything he says will be dissected, analyzed, and even twisted. In a recent GQ interview, Beckham said he wanted to bring championships to Cleveland and hoped to turn the Browns "into the new Patriots." □



In an Oct. 12, 2018, file photo, Quicken Loans and Rock Ventures founder Dan Gilbert is seen during a basketball game in East Lansing, Mich.

Associated Press

## Cavs owner Gilbert's recovery from stroke will 'take time'

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert's recovery from a recent stroke will "take time."

That was the update provided by Quicken Loans CEO Jay Farnier in a statement Wednesday night on the 57-year-old Gilbert, who remains hospitalized after falling ill and suffering a stroke on May 26.

"Dan's recovery is a process that will take time — but we are all confident that he will

meet this challenge head on as he always does," Farnier said.

Farnier said Gilbert's family reported he "maintains his strong sense of humor and focus on constant improvement." He relayed a story that Gilbert requested "his favorite beverage" while in the hospital and when he learned it couldn't be provided, he "insisted that a review of the hospital's beverage best-practices be completed."

Farnier said the Gilbert fam-

ily is grateful for the support they've received. He had the stroke after falling ill and being taken to a Detroit-area hospital, where he immediately underwent a catheter-based procedure.

Gilbert has owned the Cavs since 2005. He also founded Quicken Loans, the nation's largest online mortgage lender, and has built a billion dollar business empire with numerous company holdings in Ohio and Michigan. □

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## Mullin, Hardaway reflect on 'Run TMC,' laud today's Warriors

**SAN RAMON, Calif. (AP)** — Chris Mullin and Tim Hardaway spent two seasons as teammates at Oracle Arena, back when it was called the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena.

The nostalgia is flooding back this week.

The Golden State Warriors' era in Oakland is ending. Only two or three games remain, starting with Game 3 of the NBA Finals against the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday night. And when Mullin and Hardaway — two-thirds of the team's famed "Run TMC" trio from 1989 through 1991 — reunited to appear at a Warriors' youth summer camp, they couldn't help but reflect on what the building has meant.

"It's always time for change," Hardaway said. "You knew it was going to come at some particular time. It's here and now."

The Warriors move across

the bay from Oakland to San Francisco next season and start playing their games at the glistening new Chase Center, a building that will open in about three months. When the team started installing the first seats at the new building, Hardaway was there for the ceremony.

Mullin is still the only Warriors player to have 15 field goals in a game while posting a triple-double in the building now called Oracle. He said it is fitting to send the building out with a finals run.

"I think it brings back a lot of great memories," Mullin said. "The incredible loyal fan base in Oakland and Oracle Arena. I think we have to be really proud and happy for how this thing's closing out, right? ... Change is inevitable, it brings a lot of different emotions, but the only thing we can (do) here is celebrate."

Mullin and Hardaway still

don't disagree on all that much, including the current state of the Warriors. Win or lose these NBA Finals, they say the Warriors have already become a dynasty. "This is one of the best teams ever put together," Hardaway said.

Said Mullin: "They're already a dynasty, up there with the greatest teams of all time. Going to five NBA Finals in a row hasn't been done since Bill Russell's Celtics. That, right there — that was a dynasty, this is a dynasty." They would have preferred to have the entirety of Run TMC at the camp with them — Mitch Richmond was tending to a business matter in China, Mullin told the campers. But they had plenty of stories to regale the kids with: Mullin said there was no player he learned more from than Hardaway, and Hardaway recalled how he watched Mullin shoot for two hours without missing once.



In this March 19, 2012, file photo, former Golden State Warriors players, from left, Mitch Richmond, Chris Mullin and Tim Hardaway pose after a news conference before an NBA basketball game between the Warriors and the Minnesota Timberwolves, in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press

They were together for the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons, Hardaway's first two in the NBA. Their run ended when the Warriors traded Richmond to Sacramento. But "Run TMC" remains part of Warriors' lore. "We're blessed, Tim and I and Mitch to have been able to stay together, stay close friends,

pretty much our whole lives," Mullin said. "We often look back and we smile. We've got great memories together. Of course, we wanted it to last longer but we cherish the times we were together and we're able to share it with each other and the greatest fans in the world." □

# Strasburg earns 100th win, Nationals beat White Sox 9-5

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Stephen Strasburg earned his 100th career victory, Anthony Rendon homered and drove in five runs and the Washington Nationals rallied past the Chicago White Sox 9-5 on Tuesday. Strasburg (6-3) gave up four runs in a 39-pitch first inning and spotted Chicago a 5-0 lead. He completed five innings and gave Washington's offense time to solve former teammate and White Sox starter Reynaldo López.

Rendon belted a two-run double in the third, then smacked a three-run homer in the fifth to chase López (3-6) and give the Nationals a 6-5 lead.

Reliever Josh Osich surrendered back-to-back doubles before Victor Robles belted a two-run homer to make it 9-5. Washington's six runs in the fifth were its most in any inning this season.

Sean Doolittle recorded the final two outs for his 13th save in 15 opportunities.

Howie Kendrick homered for the Nationals, who have won eight of their last 10. Yoan Moncada hit Chicago's lone homer, a solo shot in the second.

Strasburg struck out six as he improved to 100-55, becoming the first National to reach the 100-win plateau since the franchise moved from Montreal. The right-hander earned a victory while allowing more than four runs for the first time in his career.

## **GIANTS 9, METS 3, 10 INNINGS**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Bruce Bochy joined John McGraw as the only Giants managers to win 1,000 regular-season games when San Francisco beat New York behind Stephen Vogt's tiebreaking, two-run double in the 10th inning.

On a night that began as a rematch between the Giants' Madison Bumgarner and Noah Syndergaard of their duel in the 2016 NL wild-card game, New York rallied from a 2-0 deficit to take a sixth-inning lead only for its bullpen to falter again.



Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws to the Chicago White Sox in the first inning of an interleague baseball game, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in Washington.

Associated Press

Bochy has 1,003 losses in San Francisco and is 1,951-1,978 during a 25-year career as a major league manager that started with a dozen years in San Diego. McGraw led the New York Giants to 2,583 wins from 1902-32.

Appearing for the fifth time in an eight-day span, Robert Gsellman (1-1) gave up a single to pinch-hitter Tyler Austin leading off the 10th, walked Brandon Belt and bounced a wild pitch. Vogt lined a changeup over leaping Michael Conforto and off the right-field fence.

Mark Melancon (2-0) pitched a perfect ninth.

Wilson Ramos hit a solo homer and rookie Pete Alonso hit a two-run drive for the Mets.

## **BRAVES 12, PIRATES 5**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Austin Riley and Josh Donaldson hit three-run home runs in consecutive innings, and Atlanta rallied past Pittsburgh.

Freddie Freeman added a two-run homer, his 15th, in a three-run ninth inning that sealed the Braves third straight win.

Riley sent a slider from Kyle Crick (2-2) over the wall in right field for his ninth home run of the season in the seventh, turning a 5-3 deficit into a one-run lead. Donaldson pushed the lead to 9-5 in the eighth with a 439-

foot shot to left-center field for his eighth.

Dan Winkler (2-1) had one strikeout in a scoreless sixth inning to get the win. Braves starter Max Fried gave up a season-high five runs and nine hits in four innings.

Melky Cabrera had two hits, including a two-run homer, and three RBI, batting cleanup for Pittsburgh in place of Josh Bell.

Steven Brault allowed two runs and five hits in four innings.

## **MARLINS 16, BREWERS 0**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Garrett Cooper had two hits and scored twice during Miami's franchise-record, 11-run fifth inning in a rout of Milwaukee.

Cooper matched a career high with four hits and scored four times, leading the way as last-place Miami rolled to its 12th win in 17 games. Cooper, Starlin Castro and Brian Anderson homered, and rookie Harold Ramirez continued his hot start with two hits and two RBIs.

Every player in Miami's starting lineup had at least one hit, scored at least once and drove in at least one run. Even pitcher Pablo López got into the act, hitting an RBI double in the fifth that drew a hearty round of boos from the Miller Park crowd of 25,364.

Milwaukee had won five of seven. But it was shut down

by López (4-5) and three relievers, finishing with six hits in its worst loss of the season.

It was already 4-0 when Chase Anderson (3-1) was pulled after four ineffective innings.

## **CUBS 6, ROCKIES 3**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Kyle Schwarber and Javier Báez homered, Kyle Hendricks was solid through seven innings and the Chicago ended Colorado's season-high eight-game winning streak.

Carlos González had two RBIs — on a double and sacrifice fly — as he started in right field for a second straight game.

Hendricks (6-4) allowed three runs and six hits while striking out 10 — including five in a row over the second and third innings.

Steve Cishek followed with a perfect eighth. Pedro Strop pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his fifth save in seven chances. Daniel Murphy hit a solo shot and drove in another run with a single. Nolan Arenado extended his hitting streak to 14 games with a single and Tony Wolters had an RBI, but the Rockies came up short in a rematch of last year's NL Wild Card game.

Colorado's Jeff Hoffman (1-2) gave up five runs and six hits through six innings in this third start since being recalled from Triple-A Albu-

querque on May 24.

## **REDS 4, CARDINALS 1**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Luis Castillo pitched one-run ball over six innings, Yasiel Puig homered and Cincinnati beat St. Louis following a rain delay of 1 hour, 20 minutes.

The loss snapped the Cardinals' four-game winning streak after sweeping the Chicago Cubs over the weekend.

Castillo (6-1) gave up two hits, walked four and struck out eight with 111 pitches. Castillo did not allow a hit after the first inning. He retired his final 12 batters following a walk in the third. Raisel Iglesias pitched the ninth for his 12th save in 14 chances.

St. Louis starter Genesis Cabrera (0-2) pitched 4 2/3 innings, allowing four runs, three earned, with eight hits and two walks.

## **DODGERS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 0**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Hyun-Jin Ryu allowed three hits in seven scoreless innings, Cody Bellinger hit a two-run triple after a rare day off and Los Angeles stretched its winning streak to seven games with a rout of Arizona. Ryu (9-1) needed 25 pitches to get through the first inning thanks to shaky defense behind him, but dominated after that to win his seventh straight start.

Bellinger had a two-run triple in his first at-bat against Taylor Clarke (1-2) following his first day off since May 3. He went 1 for 4, dropping his big league-best average to .374.

Enrique Hernandez homered and had two RBIs for the NL West-leading Dodgers, who have won 11 of 12. Corey Seager hit a pair of run-scoring doubles and David Freese a two-run double.

The Diamondbacks were held to three hits in their seventh loss in nine games.

## **PHILLIES 9, PADRES 6**

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Jay Bruce hit a grand slam and a two-run homer, and Philadelphia beat San Diego to snap a five-game skid. Bruce tied a career high with six RBIs in his second game since being acquired by the Phillies. □

# Galvis, Grichuk HR as Jays end 6-game skid, beat Yankees 4-3

By The Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — Freddy Galvis hit a two-run home run, Randal Grichuk added a solo shot and Toronto held off New York to end a season-worst six-game slide.

Toronto closer Ken Giles struck out Gleyber Torres with two on in the ninth to wrap his 11th save, and Eric Sogard had three hits as the Blue Jays won for the first time since beating San Diego on May 26. Toronto went winless on a six-game trip to Tampa Bay and Colorado.

Clint Frazier and Aaron Hicks homered for the AL East-leading Yankees, who lost consecutive games for the first time in more than a month. New York's last back-to-back defeats came April 30 and May 1 at Arizona. The Yankees lost 8-5 to Boston on Sunday.

Masahiro Tanaka (3-5) lost his second straight start, allowing four runs and six hits in six innings.

Daniel Hudson (4-2) pitched 1 1/3 innings and Giles got the final four outs.

## TIGERS 9, RAYS 6

**DETROIT (AP)** — Miguel Cabrera had a grand slam among his three hits as Detroit snapped a 10-game home losing streak with a victory over Tampa Bay. Cabrera, who had five RBIs, was back in the lineup after missing two games with chronic knee pain.

Detroit last won at home on May 8, and went 0-9 on a homestand from May 13-23.

Willy Adames hit a grand slam for the Rays.

Blake Snell (3-5) allowed six runs on seven hits and two walks in 4 1/3 innings. The six earned runs were one short of his career high, set on May 1 against the Kansas City Royals.

Ryan Carpenter (1-2) picked up his second career win, giving up two runs on seven hits in seven innings. Shane Greene pitched the ninth for his 19th save in 20 tries.

## INDIANS 5, TWINS 2

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Francis-

co Lindor hit two of Cleveland's four home runs in a victory over Minnesota.

Lindor hit a solo home run in the third and broke a 1-all tie with a two-run homer in the fifth. Roberto Perez and Jake Bauers added back-to-back homers in the seventh.

Minnesota came into the game with best record in baseball and holds a 10 1/2-game lead over Cleveland in AL Central.

Shane Bieber (5-2) gave up solo homers to Marwin Gonzalez in the second and Eddie Rosario in the sixth. He allowed two runs and struck out seven in seven-plus innings.

Rookie left-hander Devin Smeltzer (0-1) gave up all four homers in his second major league start. Smeltzer allowed five runs in 6 1/3 innings.

## RED SOX 8, ROYALS 3

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Eduardo Núñez belted a pinch-hit, three-run homer to break open a close game in the eighth inning, and Boston went on to beat Kansas City.

Rafael Devers also drove in a pair of runs for the Red Sox.

Eduardo Rodríguez (6-3) was stingy over 5 2/3 innings, allowing just six hits while striking out seven. His only mistake came in the second, when Cheslor Cuthbert hit a two-run shot to left.

Glenn Sparkman matched Rodríguez most of the way, but he left a runner on base when he was lifted with one out in the sixth. Scott Barlow (1-2) promptly gave up the lead with a miserable relief outing, and Núñez's homer off Jake Diekman in the eighth inning was merely the finishing touch.

## ORIOLES 12, RANGERS 11

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Pedro Severino hit a career-high three home runs and thwarted Texas' ninth-inning rally with a wild defensive play, lifting Baltimore.

Texas scored six runs in the ninth and had the tying run on base with one out

when Mychal Givens replaced Richard Bleier on the mound. Givens struck out Delino DeShields and Elvis Andrus, but strike three to Andrus was a wild pitch that went to the backstop. Severino scrambled to retrieve the ball, then delivered a perfect throw to first baseman Chris Davis a step ahead of Andrus for the final out.

Dwight Smith Jr. had a career-high six RBIs for Baltimore. Dylan Bundy (3-6) earned his first win since May 17, allowing three runs and six hits in five-plus innings. Givens earned his fifth save.

Drew Smyly (1-4) gave up seven runs and eight hits in 3 1/3 innings as Texas ended a three-game winning streak.

Keon Broxton hit his third home run in nine games with the Orioles and has hits in six games.

Shin-Soo Choo led off Texas' first with his 200th career home run.

## ATHLETICS 4, ANGELS 2

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Ramón Laureano had two hits, including a home run, Frankie Montas threw six solid innings and Oakland snapped a five-game losing streak by beating Los Angeles.

Laureano extended the majors' longest active hitting streak to 17 games with a double in the fourth inning. He then hit a two-run shot off Griffin Canning (2-2) to left to extend Oakland's lead to 4-0 in the sixth.

Montas allowed two runs on four hits to improve to 7-2. His only mistakes came in the sixth inning when he hit Mike Trout with a splitter on the 13th pitch of the at-bat. Shohei Ohtani followed with a two-run drive to center.

The four hits by the Angels is a season low at home and the ninth time this season they have been held to four or fewer.

Blake Treinen retired the side in the ninth for his 12th save.

## ASTROS 11, MARINERS 5



Toronto Blue Jays' Cavan Biggio is safe stealing second under the tag of New York Yankees' Gleyber Torres during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Associated Press

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Alex Bregman had two hits and three RBIs, and seven other Astros drove in at least one run as Houston beat Seattle its fifth straight win.

The Astros have won 9 of 11 and are 5-0 on their road trip. They also are 5-0 this season against the Mariners, who have lost four straight.

Astros left-hander Reymin Guduan (1-0) was recalled for Triple-A Round Rock on Tuesday and came in to pitch against the left-hand hitting Vogelbach, who

sent a liner off the wall in center to clear the bases.

Andrew Moore, making his first major league appearance since September of 2017, gave up four runs and six hits in 4 2/3 innings as the Mariners starter. Brandon Brennan (2-4) allowed three runs in the sixth.

Jake Marisnick had two hits and two RBIs for Houston, and Tony Kemp and Robinson Chirinos each homered.

Mitch Haniger hit his 15th home run of the season for the Mariners. □

# Chris Long takes 2nd Good Guy Award from football writers

By The Associated Press

Recently retired Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Chris Long has won his second consecutive "Good Guy Award" from the Professional Football Writers of America.

Long is the 15th winner of the award and the first player to earn it in consecutive years.

He announced his retirement last month, ending an 11-year NFL playing career that included winning two Super Bowl titles and the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award.

He established the Chris Long Foundation in 2015 to impact communities nationally and internationally through programs focusing on clean water, military appreciation and youth education. In 2017, Long donated his entire salary to support education in cities where he has played: St. Louis, Boston and Philadel-



In this Dec. 30, 2018, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Chris Long stands on the sideline prior to the team's NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md.

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phia. The award is given to an NFL player for his qualities and professional style in helping pro football writers do their jobs.

The award has been presented annually by the PFWA since 2005.

"We appreciated Chris' thoughtfulness and accessibility during his final year in the NFL," said Zach Berman, the president of the Philadelphia chapter of the PFWA who covers the Eagles for the Philadelphia Inquirer. □

# Storm beat Lynx 84-77 despite 20 turnovers



Seattle Storm's Jordin Canada is fouled by Minnesota Lynx's Danielle Robinson during the first quarter of a WNBA basketball game Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in Everett, Wash.

Associated Press

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Jewell Loyd scored 19 points, Jordin Canada had a

career-high 17 points and seven assists and the Seattle Storm beat the Minnesota Lynx 84-77 on Tuesday night. Alysha Clark added 16 points and Natasha Howard 12 for Seattle (3-2), which shot 59% from the field and overcame 20 turnovers to get the win. The Storm were 6 of 8 on 3-pointer in the opening half after hitting just 2 of 15 in a loss to the Lynx last Wednesday.

Loyd scored 11 points in the first half and Clark had 10 to help Seattle build a 49-39 lead. Sylvia Fowles scored 10 of Minnesota's first 16 points and had 14 points at the break before finishing with 16. Napheesa Collier scored 17 points for Minnesota (3-1), which was looking to start 4-0 for the third time in four seasons. □

## CANTLAY

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In the absence of cameras and microphones, the 27-year-old from California is smart, honest and insightful with an occasional needle. On the golf course, he has a cold focus with no apologies. He knows how he comes across because when he arrived at Muirfield Village on Sunday, someone jokingly said, "It can't be that bad, can it?" Cantlay could easily fit the description of an old soul on young shoulders — except for his back.

It was a stress fracture in his back that kept him out of golf for the better part of three years — two straight years without playing one tournament — and kept him from the pace set by others from his own age group.

Jordan Spieth saw it coming.

Neither of them had PGA Tour status when Spieth and Cantlay were paired together in the opening two rounds of the 2013 Puerto Rico Open. Spieth got him by one shot each

round and went on to tie for second, the important step that led to a PGA Tour card — and victory — later that year.

Cantlay, who had won the week before in Colombia on the Web.com Tour, was two months away from one swing that nearly ended his career, a pain he described as a knife in his back. That was the start of back trouble so severe there was no guarantee he would ever return.

He was 20 when he turned pro. He was 25 for his official rookie season in 2017 on the PGA Tour. Trying to manage his schedule after not having competed for two straight years, Cantlay played 11 times and still made it to the Tour Championship.

"If he had the full year this year, I would imagine he'd have been on the Presidents Cup team, no question," Spieth said at the TPC Boston that year. "He's extremely talented, and he's going to work his way up into the top 10 in the world, in my opinion." And here he is.



Jack Nicklaus, left, presents Patrick Cantlay with the trophy after Cantlay won the Memorial golf tournament Sunday, June 2, 2019, in Dublin, Ohio.

Predictions are never easy in golf — Cantlay knows that better than anyone — and so where he goes remains a work in progress. It's where he has been that explains why his victory Sunday got so much attention, even if it wasn't worthy of the front of sports pages. Anyone who saw Cantlay play in Ohio eight years ago would have expected a performance like this. His time at Muirfield Village was short. Cantlay received the Jack Nicklaus

Award as the best player in college — as a freshman at UCLA — and posed for photos with Nicklaus, then got ready for U.S. Open qualifying at the sectional site filled with PGA Tour players. Cantlay was the only amateur to get one of the 16 spots.

Two weeks later, he was low amateur in the 2011 U.S. Open at Congressional, his first tournament against the best in the world. The following week, he set a PGA Tour record for ama-

teurs with a 60 in the second round of the Travelers Championship. He was low amateur at the Masters in 2012. He made the cut at the U.S. Open again at Olympic Club (Spieth was low amateur that year). Much like Spieth, he had a knack for delivering. It was a tournament Cantlay did not win that might be the most revealing.

After the stabbing pain he felt at Colonial in 2013, he didn't play for three months as his status on the Web.com Tour money list kept dropping. Cantlay tried to play two more events to stay in the top 25 to earn a PGA Tour card and missed the cut in both, finishing 29th. His last chance was a four-tournament series with a special money list. Cantlay played the first one and finished one shot behind Trevor Immelman. It was enough to get his card, and then he couldn't play again for nearly nine months. Cantlay has been through a lot, but he is still relatively new considering he had to start over. □

# Blues wearing down Bruins in Cup Final battle of attrition

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — Twice the Boston Bruins have been forced to finish a Stanley Cup Final game down a defenseman. The St. Louis Blues won each time.

That's not a coincidence. Wearing out opponents and winning the war of attrition has been an ingredient of the Blues' playoff success. They took advantage of injuries to San Jose's Erik Karlsson, Joe Pavelski and Tomas Hertl to move on to the final, and with Boston potentially without captain Zdeno Chara for Game 5 Thursday St. Louis is now two victories away from lifting the Stanley Cup as the healthier team.

"We can see it throughout games and throughout series," Blues captain Alex Pietrangelo said Wednesday. "It's tough minutes to play against our forward lines when they're playing the way they can. You can see the momentum we create by our line changes in the offensive zone, we're just using all four lines. If I was a defenseman, that would be tough to defend against."

Chara did not go to the arena at all Wednesday, 36 hours after taking a puck to the jaw in Boston's Game 4 loss that tied the series at two games apiece. Coach Bruce Cassidy didn't talk to and only briefly texted with the 42-year-old defenseman, who has a facial injury that has been reported to be a broken jaw.

Just like the Sharks series in the Western Conference final, the Blues insist their game plan doesn't change

depending on who's in or out of the lineup on the other side. That includes Chara, even though missing him on the penalty kill and defensively could make a big difference.

"We prepare for a game from our side," Conn Smythe Trophy candidate Vladimir Tarasenko said. "We can control our game. We don't know what's gonna happen if he's gonna play or no. We just follow our plan. That's it."

The absence of Chara could prove to be the tipping point in a bruising battle between the Bruins and Blues. Boston defenseman Matt Grzelcyk is out with a concussion and St. Louis forward Robert Thomas is out with a suspected hand or wrist injury. Cassidy said Grzelcyk, who practiced in a no-contact jersey Wednesday, is still in concussion protocol and would need to be medically cleared in order to play in Game 5 on Thursday night. If Boston is without two of its top five defensemen in Chara and Grzelcyk, it would mean bigger roles for John Moore and Connor Clifton and the possibility of Steven Kampfer seeing his first action since Game 1 of the East final. And the Bruins' entire approach would change.

"You lose a little bit of your team defense, well, maybe you've got to create more offense to balance that out," Cassidy said. "You got a guy that kills penalties well, maybe stay a little more disciplined. Down the line of how can you make up for what he brings without one guy going in there."



Boston Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara (33), of Slovakia, is helped off the ice after getting hit in the face with the puck during the second period of Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final against the St. Louis Blues Monday, June 3, 2019, in St. Louis.

Associated Press

Meanwhile, St. Louis is relatively healthy except for Thomas. The Blues got defenseman Vince Dunn back for Game 4 after he missed almost three weeks after taking a puck to the face in the West final, and he assisted on a goal and drastically improved their puck movement.

"He's a dynamic player," coach Craig Berube said. "He can make something out of nothing a lot of times. He's very good at that. He's elusive and even coming out of our own end, you feel like there are times when the puck is going to get stopped up and he'll do something and make a move and a quick play with the puck that breaks a guy out and it's a great play that we're going up

the ice now."

It appears rugged Robert Bortuzzo will return to the Blues' lineup in place of Joel Edmundson, who had his ice time reduced for performance reasons by coach Craig Berube in Game 4. Bortuzzo came out when Dunn was ready to return but has two goals in the past two rounds despite not being much of a scorer.

Cassidy and Berube have been matching wits all series with roster decisions. From this point on, the right and wrong calls could determine the Cup champion, and the Bruins have faith in Cassidy to push the right buttons and compensate for injuries.

"He kind of knows how to get guys going," center Pa-

trice Bergeron said. "He has a good read and a good feel on how to do that and how to handle it."

Berube has tweaked far more in this series than previous rounds, all the while counting on St. Louis to not stray from its straightforward game that thrives off punishes opponents.

"We have to keep pounding them," forward Patrick Maroon said. "We just got keep doing the same thing. Our team's not flashy at all. It's north/south. Dumping it in. Wearing teams down."

"When we don't do that, their defense is effective in moving up in the play. Odd-man rushes. The D can jump higher. When we're doing well, we're limiting their time and space. We're wearing them down."q

## USOC seeks to keep pregnant athletes from losing insurance

**DENVER (AP)** — The U.S. Olympic Committee says it is working on reforms to prevent athletes from losing health insurance coverage when they become pregnant.

Three senators wrote to USOC CEO Sarah Hirshland on Wednesday, asking her to provide details about the federation's insurance

program, saying the discontinuation of coverage when an athlete becomes pregnant is "unconscionable and may put at risk her health and that of her child."

The USOC provides funding for insurance to the national governing bodies (NGBs) that run individual sports, and those NGBs are

responsible for determining which athletes receive coverage and under what conditions. The pool of athletes eligible for insurance is limited mainly to Olympic hopefuls and other top-line elite prospects.

In response to the request from the senators — Richard Blumenthal, D-Connecticut, Edward Markey,

D-Massachusetts, and Tammy Baldwin, D-Wisconsin — the USOC put out a statement saying "Pregnancy or needing a break from competition for other important reasons can't unfairly impact eligibility, and we are working to ensure that policy is uniform across each NGB's eligibility standards."

U.S. sprinter Alysia Montano wrote in an editorial piece last month in the New York Times that she and distance runner Kara Goucher lost their health insurance while pregnant because they were unable to compete. The senators requested a briefing from the USOC next Friday to discuss the issue. □

# Is there finally more help in the fight against robocalls?

By TALI ARBEL

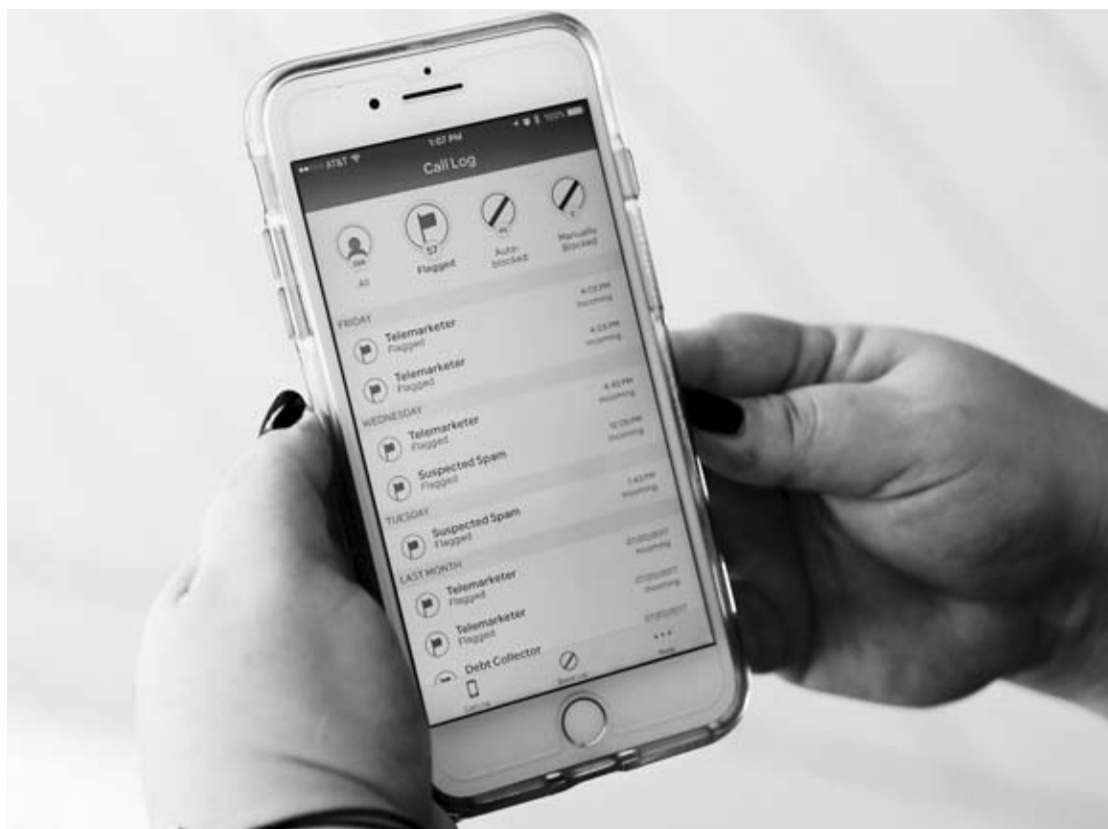
AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — New tools are coming to fight robocalls, but don't expect unwanted calls to disappear.

Political gridlock could derail bills aimed at beefing up enforcement and forcing phone companies to do more. The companies have been slow to act against such automated calls on their own. And even if companies do implement better technology, scammers and telemarketers will somehow get through in this never-ending arms race.

"We get things working really well. We're flagging all these calls as scams. And then the scammers find a new way," said Grant Castle, vice president of engineering at T-Mobile. "We have to adjust. It is a constant back-and-forth."

Still, there's hope that new efforts from the Federal Communications Commission and the industry should help you dodge many robocalls, even if they won't go away completely. In a scheduled vote Thursday with big implications, the FCC is clarifying that phone companies can block many unwanted calls with-



This Aug. 1, 2017, file photo, shows a call log displayed via an AT&T app on a cellphone in Orlando, Fla.

out asking customers first. Phone scams have cost victims millions of dollars. And they disrupt institutions, not just your dinner. A hospital in Florida, the Moffitt Cancer Center, received 6,600 calls over 90 days faked to look as though they were coming from inside the hospital, diverting 65 hours of staff time from patient care.

The aggravation isn't limited to scammers pretending to be from the IRS or Social Security. Call-blocker YouMail estimates that about a third of robocalls come from debt collectors and companies pitching cruises or insurance. The robocall problem has exploded because cheap software makes it easy to make mass calls. Scam-

mers don't care if you've added your number to the government's Do Not Call list. Yet enforcement against illegal callers is negligible. Federal agencies have fined scammers hundreds of millions of dollars, but it's been difficult to collect. Many of the callers are overseas. It's hard to throw the fraudsters in jail.

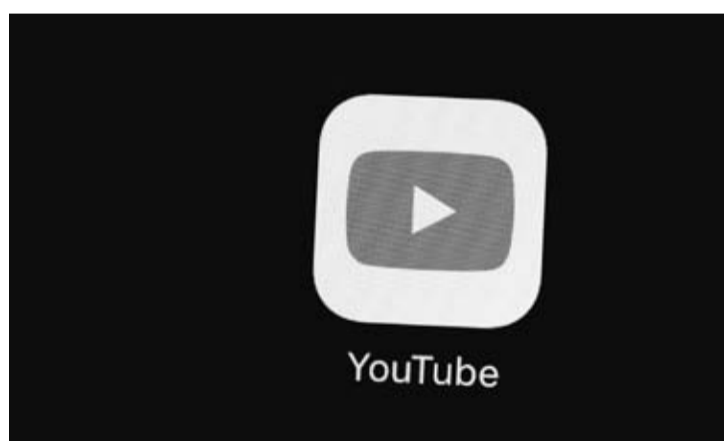
As a result, robocalls from scammers and legitimate companies have risen to 5 billion per month in the U.S., according to YouMail. That works out to 14 calls per person.

It's nearly double the 2.7 billion robocalls in November 2017, when the government gave wireless companies such as Verizon and T-Mobile permission to block some problem calls that are certainly scams, like if they started with a 911 area code.

Wireless carriers are implementing a system to identify faked numbers and have rolled out call-blocking apps. But they haven't done much else, worried about their own legal liability for accidentally blocking calls that should go through.

Rules the FCC is expected to approve Thursday could make call-blocking widespread. But carriers still wouldn't have to make call-blocking the default, and they could charge for it, too — just as they now charge for some caller ID features and other extras. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai believes wireless carriers will have an incentive to step up and offer these services for free. □

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This March 20, 2018 file photo shows the YouTube app on an iPad in Baltimore.

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BY RACHEL LERMAN

AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — YouTube updated its hate speech policies Wednesday to prohibit videos with white supremacy and neo-Nazi viewpoints.

The video streaming company says it has already made it more difficult to

find and promote such videos, but it's now removing them outright. YouTube will also prohibit videos that deny certain proven events have taken place, such as the Holocaust. The changes come as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and other online services face mounting concern

## YouTube updates hate speech guidelines to prohibit videos

that the services allow, and in some cases foster, extremism.

YouTube's new policies will take effect immediately. Specifically, the service is banning videos "alleging that a group is superior in order to justify discrimination, segregation or exclusion." The ban applies to a range of characteristics, including race, sexual orientation and veteran status. YouTube, which is owned by Google, said it's removing thousands of channels that violate the new policies.

YouTube's changes follow moves from Facebook to

prohibit not only white supremacy, but also white nationalism and white separatism.

The two services, which allow people to create and upload their own materials, have faced considerable backlash about offensive videos on their services — and for how long they allowed live video feeds to stay online, such as during the mosque shooting in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The companies have said they are walking the balance between creating safe spaces while also protecting freedom of expres-

sion.

With little government oversight on online material, internet companies have become the arbiters for what is and isn't allowed.

And the policies don't always fall into clean, delineated lines.

Criticism of the decision has poured out online. YouTube later said it had removed Crowder's ability to make money on YouTube. Crowder did not immediately respond to a request for comment but posted a video on Twitter saying his channel is not going anywhere. □



# Millennial Money: How to share a deed without an 'I do'

By SEAN PYLES

NerdWallet

Associated Press

My partner had a goal: He wanted to be a homeowner by 30.

A natural at saving, he built up a down payment throughout his mid-20s. I, on the other hand, always struggled to save. That put us in very different financial positions when it came time to buy a house.

We were committed to sharing the road ahead, but without rings or legal documents tying us together, we wanted to take a smart approach. So we talked through our finances and took steps to protect our individual investments.

Our story is hardly uncommon for our generation. Nearly 25% of homeowners ages 18-34 purchased a house with their current spouse before marriage, according to a 2013 study from Coldwell Banker. That's in contrast to just 14% of those 45 or older.

Here's how you can do the same.

## UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S FINANCES

Chances are you and your partner aren't in exactly the same financial situation. Maybe one of you earns more, or one has a delinquent account or two lurking on credit reports.



In this Jan. 4, 2019, file photo people walk by a real estate office in Pittsburgh's Lawrenceville neighborhood.

Talk through the financial aspects that determine how much house you can afford: income, savings, debt load and credit. Know where each of you stands to get a picture of how you'll both contribute.

Make sure you're on firm financial footing with a stable income, advises Gregory Thedford, certified housing counselor at Money Management International, a nonprofit credit counseling agency.

"I would advise a homeowner to be at a job for a

year or more before buying a home," Thedford says. Having a stable income will help you manage the regular expenses of homeownership.

## BUILD UP YOUR DOWN PAYMENT

The biggest challenge many people face is building a down payment.

Talk it over with your partner.

Will you both save, or is one going to put up most of the money? My partner and I went the latter route.

Many lenders prefer a 20%

down payment, but that's out of reach for many first-time buyers. My partner ended up putting 3% down for our home, and we're not alone: 67% of millennial home buyers put down less than 20%, according to a 2019 survey by Clever, a real estate service.

For help building a down payment, look into your state's first-time home buyer programs. Many combine grants for down payments with lower interest rates.

There are trade-offs to a smaller down payment:

You'll likely face higher upfront fees and monthly payments, as well as costs like mortgage insurance.

## CLEAN YOUR CREDIT

While you save a down payment, work to improve your credit profiles. Lenders prefer a credit score of at least 630, Thedford says. Borrowers with scores of 700 and higher get better rates. Clear your credit reports of negative marks if you can. Delinquent account can make you look risky to lenders. If you see mistakes on your reports, such as an account that's not yours, dispute them with the credit bureaus.

Lower your debt-to-income ratio by paying down accounts like credit cards. Carrying a lot of debt also makes you look risky.

**WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT** Unmarried couples don't have the same protections in the event of a separation as our ring-clad counterparts. To make up for this, having a legal agreement before mortgage papers are signed and cash changes hands is important, says attorney Katherine O. VanZanten who practices in Portland, Oregon.

"Meet with an attorney and put everything in writing while everyone still gets along," VanZanten says. □

Associated Press

# World Bank downgrades its forecast for global economy

By PAUL WISEMAN

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The World Bank on Tuesday downgraded its forecast for the global economy in light of trade conflicts, financial strains and unexpectedly sharp slowdowns in wealthier countries.

The bank, an anti-poverty agency, expects the world economy to grow 2.6% this year. That would be the slowest calendar-year growth since 2016, and it is down from the 2.9% expansion the agency forecast in January.

The World Bank downgraded every major region of the world, though it kept its 2019 forecast for U.S.

growth at 2.5%. In the 19 countries that use the euro currency, growth is forecast to slow to 1.2%, down from 1.8% last year and the 1.6% the World Bank expected in January.

Slowed by the Trump administration's trade war with China, global trade is expected to expand just 2.6% this year, the weakest pace since the 2008 financial crisis.

The Trump administration and Beijing have imposed tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars of each other's imports in a clash over China's aggressive drive to overtake American technological dominance. Their showdown has generated

uncertainty for businesses that must decide whether and where to make investments, buy supplies and establish factories.

"We are not pushing the panic button yet," said Aytan Kose, a World Bank economist. "But we are sending a message" of a possibly deeper slowdown if trade hostilities persist.

"This is high time for policymakers to find ways to resolve their differences," Kose said.

China, the world's second-largest economy after the United States, is forecast to grow 6.2%, which would be its weakest performance since 1990, when it was enduring the aftermath of a



In this Oct. 27, 2017, photo, workers assemble Ford trucks at the Ford Kentucky Truck Plant in Louisville, Ky.

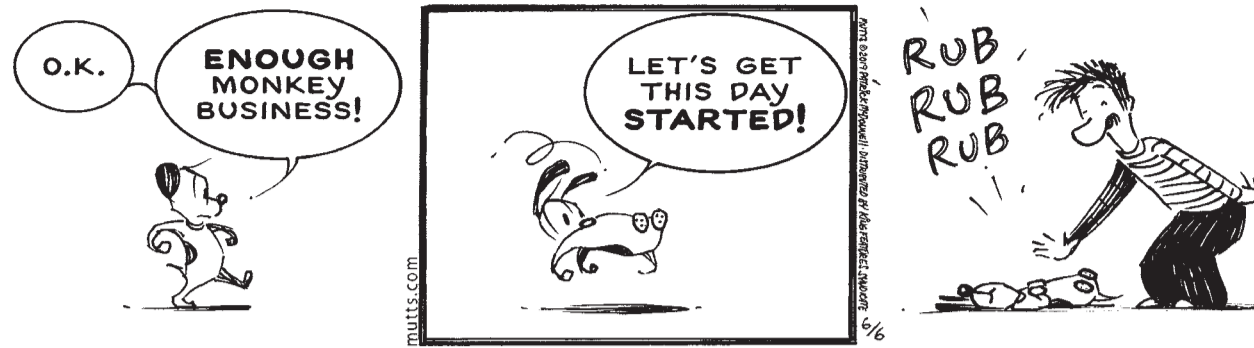
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violent crackdown on pro-democracy protesters at Tiananmen Square.

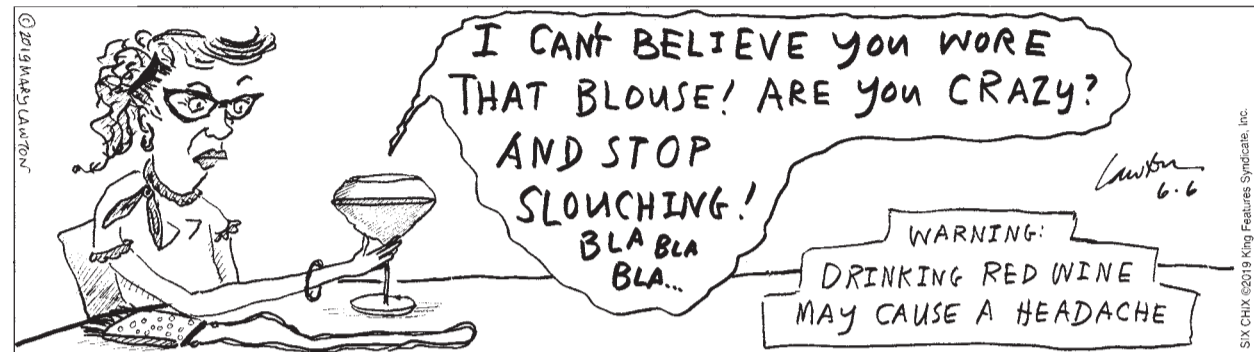
The Japanese economy is predicted to eke out 0.8% growth, same as last year.

Some developing world countries are contending with financial stress. Turkey's economy is expected to contract 1% and Argentina's 1.2%. □

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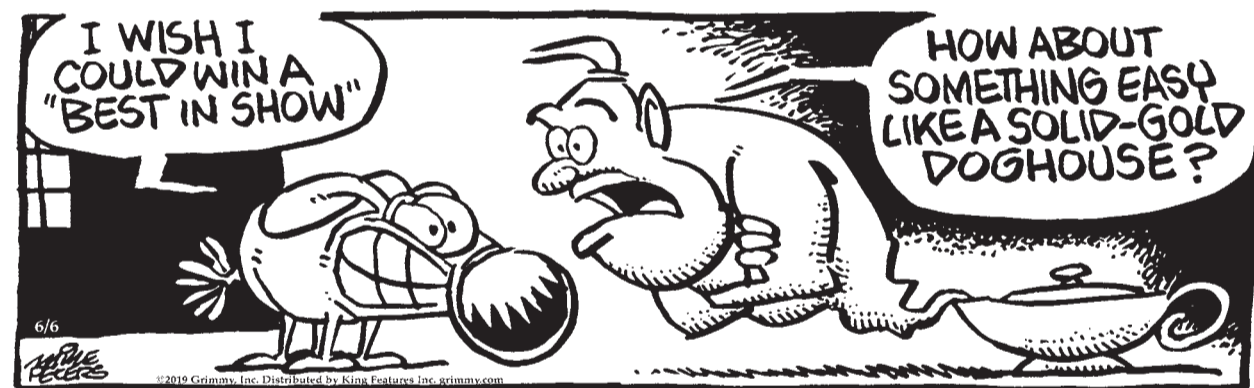
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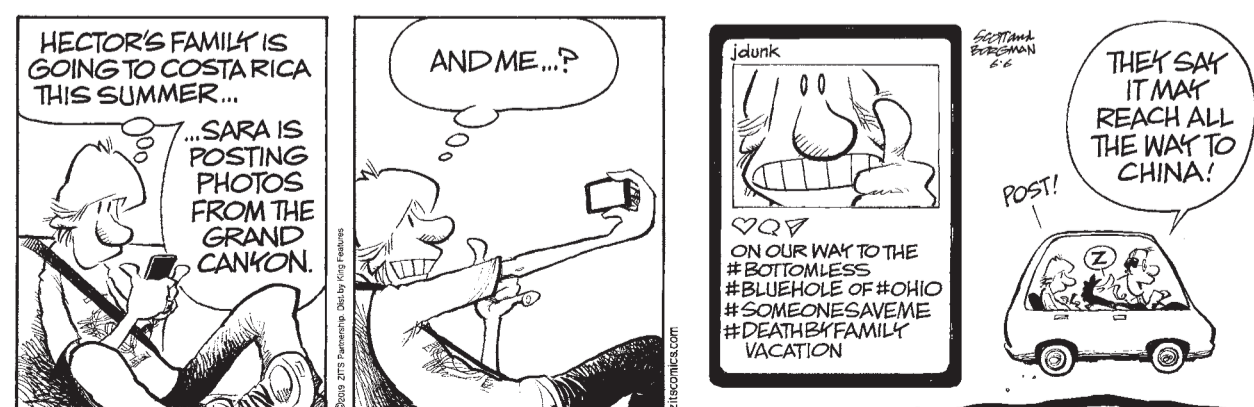
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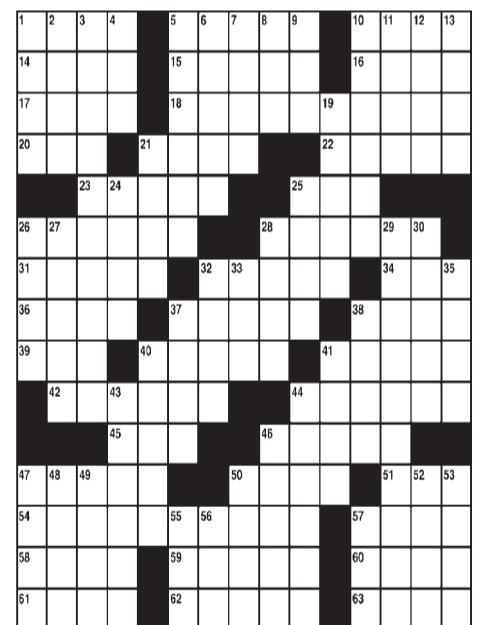
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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**ACROSS**

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- 5 Throws
- 10 Begged
- 14 Hook, \_ and sinker
- 15 Plato's "A"
- 16 Spaghetti topper
- 17 As strong \_ ox
- 18 Toys
- 20 Six months from now: abbr.
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- 22 Uneasy feeling
- 23 Close friend
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- 26 Black-and-blue mark
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- 36 Male animal
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- 39 Facial twitch
- 40 Salesman's pitch
- 41 Log floats
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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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**DOWN**

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- 3 Lack of precision
- 4 Fellows
- 5 Gangster AI
- 6 Ease, as someone's fears
- 7 Extend across
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- 9 Fri.'s follower
- 10 William or Harry
- 11 Ital. or Span.
- 12 Breakfast order
- 13 Do a household chore
- 19 Customary practice
- 21 Team defeat
- 24 Piece of jewelry
- 25 Paper fastener
- 26 Finest
- 27 Numerical comparison
- 28 As sore as a \_
- 29 Hard to believe
- 30 Thin cuts
- 32 Hubbub
- 33 Edison's initials
- 35 Not as much
- 37 Gush forth
- 38 Horse's home
- 40 Walked off with
- 41 Destroy
- 43 Kitchen appliances
- 44 Dillydally
- 46 Capital city in Europe
- 47 Hired vehicles
- 48 Qualified
- 49 Disastrous defeat
- 50 Facts & figures
- 52 Courageous
- 53 Houston & Elliott
- 55 However
- 56 Half and half
- 57 Which person?

# China launches 1st rocket from mobile platform in Yellow Sea

BEIJING (AP) — China on Wednesday launched a rocket from a mobile platform at sea for the first time, sending a five commercial satellites and two others containing experimental technology into space. The Long March 11 rocket blasted off from a launch pad aboard a commercial ship in the Yellow Sea off the coast of Shandong province, marking the 306th launch of a rocket in the Long March series, but the first one at sea. China is the third country after the U.S. and Russia to master sea launch technology. Sea launches offer advantages such as the ability to position closer to the equator, requiring less fuel to reach orbit and thereby lowering overall launch

costs. It also reduces the possibility of damage on the ground from falling rocket debris. The official Xinhua News Agency cited experts as saying seaborne launch technology will meet the growing demand for launches of low inclination satellites. China's space program has developed rapidly, especially since it conducted its first crewed mission in 2003, becoming just the third country following Russia and the U.S. to put humans into space using its own technology. It has put two space stations into orbit and plans to launch a Mars rover in the mid-2020s. Its space program suffered a rare setback last year with the failed launch of a Long March 5 rocket. □

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# Mutation that protects against HIV raises death rate

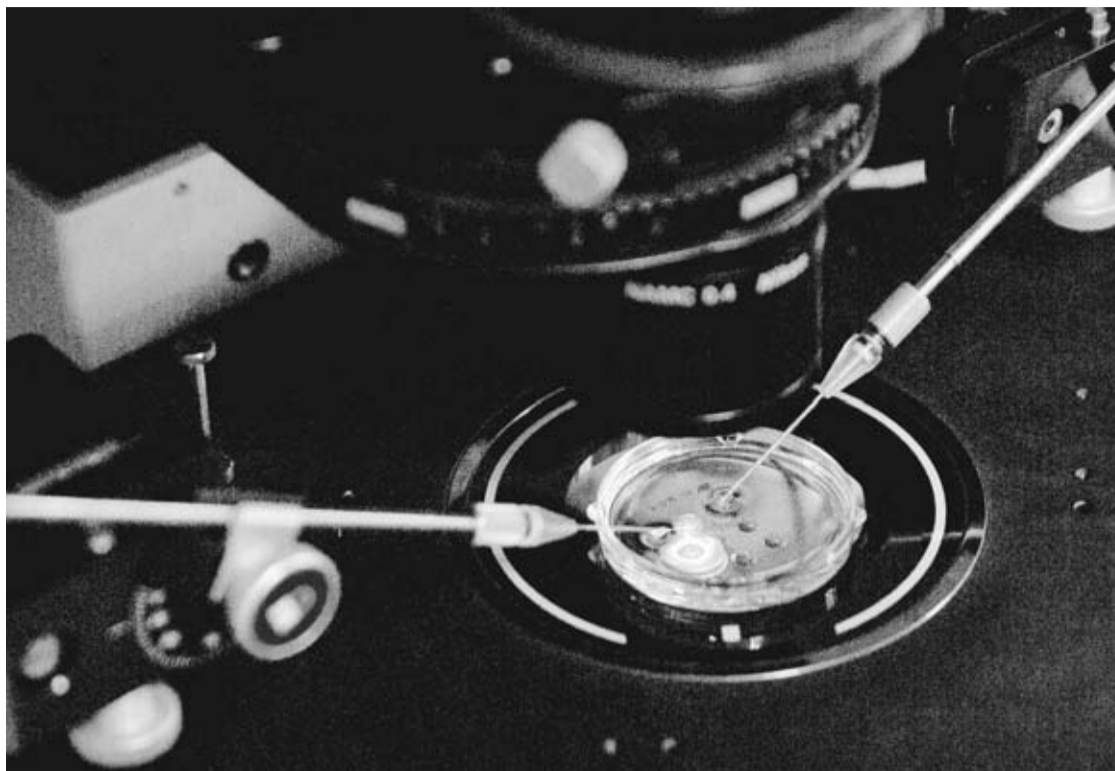
By MALCOLM RITTER

AP Science Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — People with a DNA mutation that reduces their chance of HIV infection may die sooner, according to a study that suggests tinkering with a gene to try to fix one problem may cause others. The study authors cited the case of the Chinese researcher who tried to produce this mutation in twin girls before their birth, to reduce their risk for HIV. His work, which produced the first gene-edited babies, was widely condemned as unethical and risky, and the new paper illustrates one reason for concern.

"You should consider all the effects of mutations you induce," said Rasmus Nielsen of the University of California, Berkeley, senior author of the paper, released Monday by the journal *Nature Medicine*.

Nielsen acknowledged that his result cannot be applied directly to the two girls in China. For one thing, his study focused on a sample of people in the United Kingdom who may have



In this Oct. 9, 2018 file photo, an embryo receives a small dose of Cas9 protein and PCSK9 sgRNA in a microscope in a laboratory in Shenzhen in southern China's Guangdong province, during work by scientist He Jiankui's team.

different genetic backgrounds than the Chinese girls.

In addition, the people he studied had inherited a specific mutation. The Chinese scientist tried to create the same mutation, but failed. The girls now carry

different alterations in the same gene.

The gene is called CCR5. When it is working normally, it lets certain cells of the immune system display a protein on their surfaces. HIV has co-opted that protein to use as a doorway to in-

fect those cells. The mutation prevents that protein from appearing, and so sharply reduces the risk of HIV infection.

Past studies have suggested that carrying the mutation has some drawbacks, including a heightened risk

of death from flu.

Nielsen and Xinzhu Wei, also at UC Berkeley, studied data on about 400,000 people who'd signed up between 2006 and 2010 for the UK Biobank, which collected extensive information on them and is following their health. They compared people who carry the mutation in both copies of their CCR5 gene to those who carry it in just one copy or neither, and looked for deaths recorded through February 2016. About 4,000 participants carried the mutation in both copies, of whom 151 were dead. Analysis focused on deaths between ages 41 and 76.

The study found that participants with the mutation in both copies had a death rate about 20 percent higher than that of the others. A second analysis showed that at the time participants signed up for the databank, when their average age was about 57, there were fewer people with the mutation in both copies of the gene than one would expect. □

Associated Press

# Scientists crack secret of fish's deadly, transparent teeth



This April 2019 photo provided by Audrey Velasco-Hogan shows a dragonfish during a specimen collection session along the coast of San Diego, Calif.

Associated Press

By JEREMY REHM

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A deep-sea fish can hide its enormous, jutting teeth from prey because its chompers are virtually invisible — until it's too late.

What's the dragonfish's secret? The teeth are transparent, and now scientists have discovered how the fish accomplished that trick.

Findings were published Wednesday in the journal *Matter*.

The dragonfish is a small predator with jagged, needle-like teeth protruding from a jaw that can extend to bite into prey up to half its body size.

"They look like monsters," said Marc Meyers of the University of California, San Diego. "But they're mini monsters" — about as long as a pencil.

Despite their short stature, these fish are at the top

of the food chain in their deep-ocean realm where it's almost pitch black.

To find food or mates, many animals carry bacteria that generate blue or red light. That's called bioluminescence.

Using microscopes, Meyers and his research team examined the teeth of dragonfish they had dredged up from about a third of a mile (500 meters) underwater off the coast of San Diego.

Dragonfish teeth are made of the same materials as human teeth — a protective layer of enamel on the surface and a tough, deeper layer of dentin. But the minerals have a much finer microscopic structure that is organized more haphazardly.

"That was very surprising to us," Meyers said.

The result is that light in the environment or from bioluminescence— even from

dragonfish themselves — doesn't reflect off the teeth. Instead, most light passes through the teeth so they're almost completely concealed.

This, the researchers believe, makes the dragonfish a stealthier hunter.

Transparent teeth could be a common strategy among deep-sea predators, said Christopher Kenaley, a fish biologist at Boston College who wasn't part of the study, noting that some other fish share this feature. Among the most well-known of the others are anglerfish, stubby creatures that wave a glowing rod-like growth from their heads to lure prey.

Nobody has actually seen dragonfish feed in the wild, but the researchers make a good case that these transparent teeth are an evolutionary adaptation for hunting in the deep sea, Kenaley said. □

# For Apollonia Kotero, Prince was a king

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Former Prince protege and longtime friend Apollonia Kotero said the Purple One had major plans for her before his untimely death in 2016, including new music, a possible film and even a book to follow-up his upcoming memoir.

He had even given Kotero and her Apollonia 6 bandmates the trademark to the group's name to keep the legacy alive.

"My first thought was like, 'Damn, I gotta hit the gym now,'" Kotero said. "We gotta rehearse. We gotta go back in vocal classes. Get this (expletive) party started, man. I was excited. He was happy. He had so many plans."

But things changed once Prince died, sending Kotero into a "rabbit hole of severe depression" — as she put it in her first interview since Prince died on April 21, 2016.

"I just physically couldn't cry and I was feeling ill, really ill. I just didn't know if I was going to make it," she recently told The Associated Press by phone in Los Angeles. "It sounds strange for me



Apollonia Kotero poses for a portrait in front of a photo of Prince at Warner Music Group in Los Angeles on Friday, May 31, 2019.

Associated Press

to be saying it for the first time publicly. I've never discussed this, other than with my loved ones. I didn't think I was going to make it. I'd never felt that way before. I never suffered such severe depression."

Kotero co-starred in 1984's "Purple Rain" and was in the trio Apollonia 6 with Brenda Bennett and Susan Moon-

sie, former singers in Van-ity 6. Kotero said she's still in touch with her bandmates and she's finally speaking publicly since it has been three years since Prince's death.

"Prince and I never dated — we're family, we were friends," she said. "There's a different type of respect that he had for me. He had that for me for 33 years. We had our difficulties, and I

always stood up to him. I believe that's what he respected, that I wasn't a pushover. I said no to him for a lot of reasons professionally."

Kotero recalled some of her last conversations with Prince, saying they talked about "family, his parents, politics, love, death, dementia, our marriages."

"We discussed the issues

that we had. All of the things that we didn't discuss before," she continued. "I just looked, like, 'Man, we're growing up. We're old folks now.' He gave me the look like, 'Ain't no old folks here.'" She said when he asked her to be in the "Purple Rain" sequel, "Graffiti Bridge," she turned him down.

"He sent me the script. I remember I read it. I said, 'Oh my god, this is horrible,'" she recalled. "I said it, 'This is a piece of (expletive).'"

She said she worked on a real sequel and pitched him the story when she visited Paisley Park in 2014.

"He liked it. It was a little bit dark because he dies in it. I gave him two reasons why he would die and he just gave me this blank look. It was just kind of, I mean, the irony of it," she said.

Kotero said Prince wanted her to write a book after he finished his (Random House will release Prince's "The Beautiful Ones" on Oct. 29).

"He said, 'I want you to stop telling the priceless stories because you're going to write a book, your biography,'" she recalled. "He said, 'Yes, you're going to release yours within the year after mine.'" □

# Soprano Lise Davidsen shines on solo debut

By MIKE SILVERMAN

Associated Press

Lise Davidsen (conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen with the Philharmonia Orchestra), "Lise Davidsen" (Decca)

For a young singer as prodigiously gifted as Lise Davidsen, there's always a danger she'll be pressured into taking on too much too soon. Judging from the Norwegian soprano's first solo album, she's steering clear of that pitfall.

Only 32, Davidsen is being hailed as the next great Wagnerian soprano because of her clarion, multi-colored voice with its seemingly unlimited capacity to soar over heavy orchestration. The twin peaks of that repertory — Isolde and Brünnhilde —

surely await her, yet on this album she has wisely chosen only works she's already performed onstage.

There are just two Wagner excerpts: Elisabeth's arias from "Tannhäuser," the opera that will serve for her debut this summer at the composer's shrine in Bayreuth, Germany. Dramatically, the pieces couldn't be more different. In "Dich teure Halle," the heroine's exuberant greeting to the Hall of Song, Davidsen caps the conclusion with a ringing high B natural. The second aria, "Allmächt'ge Jungfrau," is a somber prayer at the point of death, and Davidsen sings it with restraint, though her gleaming tone once or twice threatens to overpower the muted ac-

companiment.

Richard Strauss' opera "Ariadne auf Naxos" has served as Davidsen's calling card in the last few years, and she delivers thrills in the wide-ranging vocal line of the title character's aria, "Es gibt ein Reich."

Strauss is also the composer of the remaining offerings on the album, primarily two sets of songs representing his early maturity and the end of his career.

The four pieces of Opus 27 from 1894 were wedding gifts for his wife, soprano Pauline de Ahna. Davidsen shows her versatility here, meeting the operatic demands of "Cäcilie" with ease and then scaling down her voice to suit the delicate texture of "Morgen!" □



This cover image released by Decca shows "Lise Davidsen," arias and songs performed by Davidsen with the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen.

Associated Press

# Gretchen Carlson steps down as Miss America chairwoman

By WAYNE PARRY  
Associated Press  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Gretchen Carlson, a former Miss America who helped eliminate the pageant's swimsuit competition, is stepping down as board chairwoman of the Miss America Organization. She was part of an all-female leadership team that took over the pageant following an email scandal in which male leaders insulted

former Miss Americas, denigrating their appearance, intelligence and even their sex lives. Carlson pushed for the elimination of the swimsuit competition from the pageant, which originated in Atlantic City nearly 100 years ago. In its place last year, contestants spoke about themselves, their goals and how they planned to serve the community. Some welcomed the



In this April 5, 2019 file photo, Gretchen Carlson attends Variety's Power of Women: New York presented by Lifetime at Cipriani 42nd Street Miss America-Carlson in New York.

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change as making the pageant more relevant, but many state organizations rebelled against the new leadership team over how it ran the organization. "When I was asked to take this volunteer position over a year ago, I dedicated myself to helping the organization build on its history while working to secure its future, and am extremely proud of the work we have

collectively done," Carlson said. "With a promising network partnership, the time is ideal to give new leadership the opportunity to move forward with what has been accomplished. Miss America will always be a part of who I am and I will enthusiastically watch as the organization continues to grow and succeed." Regina Hopper, the organization's CEO, said, "We are

grateful for the talents, expertise and time Gretchen gave to move this organization to relevancy, diversity and inclusion for a new generation of young women. We are thrilled she will continue to move this transition forward as an adviser to the board as we work toward a successful Miss America 2020 on NBC, and the 100th anniversary of this American icon in 2021."

## The X-Men struggle to the end in 'Dark Phoenix'



This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows Jennifer Lawrence in a scene from "Dark Phoenix."

Associated Press

By LINDSEY BAHR  
Associated Press  
The good news is "Dark Phoenix" is neither an

apocalypse nor is it "X-Men: Apocalypse," but this latest installment is not exactly a solid step forward or a satis-

fyng ending for anyone. It's supposed to be the culmination of 20 years of X-Men movies, and yet it feels more like a rushed and inconsequential spinoff than something that we've been building toward for two decades. Perhaps that's because we've barely gotten to know this version of Jean Grey (Sophie Turner), whose transformation into the all-powerful Phoenix is the thing that divides the X-Men into a tiny civil war. Essentially, Jean discovers that Charles has been hiding some information from her about her childhood and she gets angry (dangerously so) and starts racking up a body count. □

## Mexican American sisters of 'Vida' back amid gentrification

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) —

The Starz drama "Vida" returns for its second season on Sunday with an even deeper exploration of an issue facing many U.S. Latino communities: gentrification.

The show follows Emma and Lyn, played Mishel Prada and Melissa Barrera respectively, who have inherited from their late mother an East Los Angeles apartment building and a lesbian bar. Each must come to terms with their lives in the old neighborhood and unresolved issues around love.

The first season ended with the sisters at odds on whether to continue their lives away from East Los Angeles or come back and save a bar that helped shape them.

It remains one of the only television shows featuring a majority U.S. Latina cast.

With its themes around queer love and sex, the



This image released by Starz shows Melissa Barrera, left, and Mishel Prada from the series "Vida," a drama that follows two Mexican American sisters battling gentrification and the aftermath of their mother's death.

Associated Press

show has gained a small but loyal following and drew critical praise for centering its focus on Latina characters and pressures related to gentrification

and gentrification — the phenomenon that middle-class Latinos are working to change a working-class community. (Gente means people in

Spanish).

Executive Producer Tanya Saracho said the second season will continue to explore those themes as a backdrop of the overall

family drama. "This show is based on what is happening right now" in Latino neighborhoods around the U.S., she said. "All the tactics of protests involving gentrification try to remain authentic."

Currently, tensions are high in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Boyle Heights, where anti-gentrification activists have participated in aggressive protests targeting art galleries by spray painting storefronts and reported death threats. Hispanic activists in Albuquerque's South Valley and Houston's Northside also are speaking out against gentrification efforts they say displaces poor Latinos. Saracho said she wanted the show to reflect those realities. But Saracho said the second season also wanted to explore gentrification. The sisters, if they decide to keep the bar, will be in the center of the gentrification movement and must deal with any backlash, Saracho said. □

## Feeling Aretha's spirit, J Hud honors icon at Pulitzers

NEW YORK (AP) — With bad weather in Chicago on Monday and her flight canceled, Jennifer Hudson fretted at the thought of missing her performance at Tuesday's Pulitzer Prize awards ceremony to pay tribute to honoree Aretha Franklin.

But then Hudson said she felt the spirit of the Queen of Soul — who refused to fly but traveled by tour bus to concerts and events — and drove nearly 13 hours to New York to make the luncheon.

"I looked up and I thought, 'You know what, it's like Aretha's spirit is in me. She didn't believe in flying, she would drive,'" Hudson said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I got here in time, five minutes early to sing, because I wasn't going to miss it. Honey I said, 'If I got to walk, if I got to crawl, I'm going to get there.' And here I am — so it's in my heart."

Hudson embodied Franklin's spirit and vocal prowess



Singer Jennifer Hudson sings "Amazing Grace" in tribute to Aretha Franklin, who received a special music citation during the 2019 Pulitzer Prize winners awards luncheon at Columbia University, Tuesday May 28, 2019, in New York.

Associated Press

as she brought the ceremony to church with a rousing, fiery performance of "Amazing Grace," bringing the audience of journalists to their feet.

"She's always with me, I feel," Hudson said of Franklin. "I always keep her in my mind and in my heart, and try to lead in a way that I know that she would want

me to."

Franklin, who died last August at 76, was posthumously awarded the Pulitzer Prize Special Citation honor Tuesday, becoming

the first individual woman to earn a special citation prize since the honor was first awarded in 1930. The Pulitzer board said the award was given to Franklin for "her indelible contribution to American music and culture for more than five decades."

Collaborator and close friend Clive Davis and longtime publicist Gwendolyn Quinn accepted the honor on behalf of Franklin's family.

South Florida's Sun-Sentinel won the prize in public service for its coverage of last year's mass shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where 17 students and staff were killed. Pulitzer Prizes were also awarded to the staff of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for breaking news reporting, the Los Angeles Times for investigative reporting, while Reuters and The Associated Press were both honored for international reporting. □

# Foe, now friend: Germans find place at D-Day sites in France

**COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, France (AP)** — A vicious foe is now a trusted friend. The epitome of evil is now a cornerstone of postwar Europe. As the 75th anniversary of D-Day approaches, Germans are now welcomed instead of shunned and despised like the Nazis who came before them. Now, a soldier wearing the German flag on his shoulder can stroll under a star-spangled flag at the Normandy American Cemetery, symbolizing the mending that's occurred since allied nations fought their way onto French beaches held by Adolf Hitler's forces on June 6, 1944.

"This is the most important thing, for which we are forever grateful: That we can be here wearing our German uniforms and that we meet friendly people," said Daniel Pommer, a member of a German mechanized infantry battalion that visited the U.S. military cemetery and memorial on Tuesday.

Standing amid 9,388 pristine white crosses, most of them for Americans killed during the D-Day landings and the fighting that followed, Pommer said the fallen buried at Normandy American Cemetery "freed Europe, and that includes Germany."

U.S. Army veteran Pete Shaw, 94, who served with the 283rd Field Artillery Battalion during World War II, bore witness under the same American flag half an hour earlier, teary eyed as he thought of friends he lost fighting ferociously against



**German soldiers stand during a moment of remembrance, in the German cemetery of La Cambe, in Normandy, France, Monday, June 3, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

the Germans during the Normandy offensive.

Asked whether he hated German troops during the war, Shaw answered "Oh, yes! Oh yes!"

More than 10 months after D-Day, Shaw's Army division participated in liberating Dachau, the Nazi concentration camp outside Munich where tens of thousands of prisoners died.

His eyes widen as he describes pits and carts "full of bodies - Jews, Germans, prisoners of war or anybody that didn't agree with Hitler."

"How could one man do that," Shaw said of Hitler. As for the German troops he hated, the veteran now says "half of them they

didn't know what was going on."

The occupying forces in France were referred to as "les Boches" (the Germans) for long after the war. In recent years, there has been an effort to make a distinction between the Nazis and their supporters, and other Germans.

In the same way, Germany now is considered the cornerstone of a stable continent and together with France, the driving force of the European Union.

"We can be glad that at the end of this terrible World War II that was started by Germany, we have an order that produced the European Union, that secures our peace, that secures our stability," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Tuesday.

Nevertheless, don't expect to see many German flags fluttering in northern France's strong winds alongside the flags of the United States, Britain and Canada.

War re-enactors are all over Normandy these days, driving U.S. jeeps, wearing British uniforms and saluting allied flags, but few are there in German uniforms.

International leaders are gathering in Portsmouth, England, on the eve of the

Germans are buried. Differences between the Allies and Germany persist when it comes to cemeteries.

The Normandy American Cemetery has an aptly named, shiny bronze statue, titled "Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves," that features one perfectly muscled man looking upward and onward.

For the German military cemetery near Omaha Beach in La Cambe sculptors chiseled two figures that look as forbidding as the black stone out of which they were cut.

"Unfortunately, there is the aspect of victory and defeat," Alain Dupain, the chief gardener at the U.S. cemetery. "Each nation has its reflection in its cemetery, and you cannot look the same way at British, American on German cemeteries."

It took a long time for people to come in large numbers to the German cemetery, where some 2,100 soldiers of the hated Waffen-SS, the Nazi's paramilitary wing, are also buried.

Some 450,000 visitors came last year, and about one in three were German. La Cambe Mayor Bernard Lenice said "even if the elderly might still have some reticence," younger generations gifted with the perspective that time provides have found their way there. "This is our symbol for reconciliation, of course. We have to turn the page," Lenice said. □



**German soldiers visit the German cemetery of La Cambe, in Normandy, France, Monday, June 3, 2019.**

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**World War II veteran Pete Shaw, center, from Pennsylvania, visits the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France, Monday, June 3, 2019.**

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